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ANGER OVER CAR PARK PRICE HIKE

A HIKE in car parking charges in Dudley has come under fire from the opposition Tory group leader, who says the borough should bring in a free parking experiment instead.

The move is expected to boost cash-strapped council coffers by £100,000 a year.

Meanwhile, Dudley North MP Ian Austin is stepping up his campaign to stop a parking charge hike at hospital car parks, which he fears could be used to plug a black hole in NHS funding.

by Alex Ross and Daniel Wainwright

Dudley Council is putting up the cost of pay and display parking across the borough from Sunday in a move that will affect all council run pay and display car parks. Those with parking season tickets will also be hit with a price rise.

Increase

At Stourbridge's Ryemarket car park drivers will see charges rise from £1 an hour to £1.10 and those leaving vehicles in Penzer Street, Kingswinford, will see the price increase from 50p and hour to 60p. A £390 12-month season ticket will go up to £460, a rise of 15 per cent.

The increase in charges will bring in £100,000 a year while the council needs to make £34 million of cuts over the next three years.

The move has been attacked by opposition leader, Councillor Patrick Harley. He claimed that if the Conservatives were running the council an 18-month trial of free short-stay parking would be brought in and a review carried out on long-stay parking.

"At a time shops and businesses need our help in these towns, the council is giving another reason for shoppers to stay away by increasing charges," he said.

"I hear so many times people saying they want to pull up in places like Kingswinford to shop but then don't have the change. I'd want a trial of free parking for three hours. We need to take a gamble."

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, the council's cabinet member for transportation, defended the increase.

He said: "Car parking charges this year have risen in line with the agreed budget strategy for 2014/15, which still leaves us as one of the cheapest places to park in the Black Country."

Labour's Mr Austin said he was concerned the vulnerable people could pay the price of any budget short falls if hospital bosses put up parking rates. South Staffordshire Tory MP Gavin Williamson, who represents Kinver, said such charges should be scrapped.

Mr Austin said he was "keen to ensure regulations are put in place to avoid rapid rises as hospitals come under increased financial pressure."

It can cost up to £5.50 to park at Russells Hall Hospital.

Hospital parking in Scotland and Wales is free.

Bravery and sacrifices will be honoured



Master of ceremonies Tom Trickett is calling for people to celebrate Armed Forces Day at Himley Hall on Sunday

PARADES and exhibitions will be held across the Black Country this weekend to mark Armed Forces Day.

Gatherings taking place to remember the sacrifices made by members of the forces in conflicts across the years will be particularly poignant this year as 2014 marks the centenary of the start of the First World War.

Armed Forces Day, formerly known as Veterans Day, is on Saturday from 11am when serving members of the Armed Forces will parade through Oldbury to mark the occasion.

One of the biggest events is at at Himley Hall near Dudley on Sunday when veterans will be presented with HM Armed Forces veterans badges, including those who served on Arctic Convoys and in the Bomber Command during the Second World War.

As well as an exhibition of First World War memorabilia at Himley Hall on Sunday there will be a re-enactment of soldiers going off to war.

Mayor of Dudley Councillor Margaret Aston said: "We'll never really know the extent of what our armed forces personnel had to endure during the First World War but it is important we all remember how hard they fought for their country's freedom, not only for their own but future generations too.

"It is only right that we pay special tribute to all those who served and fell in the war and share the memories with today's generation at our armed forces event so they are never forgotten."

Highlights on the day include an RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight flypast by a Spitfire, which will fly over the hall at around 2pm, weather permitting. The event will run from 11am and will include children's entertainment including a zip wire, go-karts, climbing wall and trampolines.

Date is set for funeral of former town mayor

THE funeral of former Mayor of Dudley John Woodall will be held in Halesowen on Monday.

Mr Woodall retired as Conservative councillor for Halesowen South in May.

The 80-year-old former Justice of the Peace, who died last Tuesday, was one of the longest serving councillors in the borough, with 24 years service during two stints on Dudley Council.

The funeral will be at St John's Church, in High Street, from noon with private cremation attended by family only afterwards.

It is family flowers only but relatives say donations will be gratefully received for the Friends of Leasowes by funeral directors Gaunts and Sons of Blackheath.

Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris was among those to pay tribute to Mr Woodall. He said: "John was not only a giant of Halesowen community life over many decades, but he earned a reputation as also being one of the hardest-working, most dedicated and most helpful people in local politics. He will be enormously missed by everyone who knew him and worked with him."

He leaves his wife Audrey, two daughters, three grand-daughters and a great-granddaughter.

Rubbish site hit by blaze

HUGE plumes of smoke billowed into the sky after a fire ripped through a waste processing plant in the Black Country.

More than 100 tons of rubbish went up in flames at the Truce & Allen site in Bromley Street, Lye, as around 10 firefighters from Stourbridge and Brierley Hill were called out on Monday evening to tackle the blaze. Smoke drifted onto nearby railway tracks causing minor travel delays between Birmingham and Stourbridge Junction.

Education centre to open in shop units

A CHILDREN's tuition centre will be the next new business to move into Stourbridge's £50 million Crown Centre shopping complex.

Twenty jobs will be created by Explore Learning, which wants to open within two units at the centre, after plans were approved by Dudley Council.

It will be the latest addition to the centre following in the footsteps of sandwich chain Subway and cobblers Timpson. While Wardrobe One has recently opened in a unit facing Market Street.

Suitable

A planning application to change the use of the two retail units to an education centre was given the go-ahead by planning officers.

Case officer Richard Stevenson said he believed the change of use was suitable for the premises.

In a planning application, Explore Learning said the centre would be open seven days a week, with up to 100 tutoring sessions a day.

Launched in 2000, the firm already has 90 education centres across the UK.

The Crown Centre opened in October with Tesco Extra as its anchor store. There has been a flow of firms to the centre including Kents Barbers, Cafe Rimski, Timpsons and Eyewise Opticians.

Arrest over knife attack

A MAN has been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder after a teenage girl suffered a knife wound to her chest in an early morning incident in Brierley Hill.

Police say the 16-year-old girl was taken to hospital following a scuffle at around 4.30am on Friday in Stourbridge Road, Brierley Hill.

She had a minor puncture wound to the chest.

A 36-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder and then released on bail.

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Hospital worker loses tribunal case

A HOSPITAL worker has lost his claim of unfair dismissal and disability discrimination at an employment tribunal.

Clinical support worker Alan Chalk was dismissed 'on the grounds of capability' after refusing to return to work in a hospital decontamination unit.

The 62-year-old from Stourbridge has been blind in one eye since birth and claimed acid fumes used in the unit were causing damage to his good eye.

But bosses at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital deemed him fit to return after receiving a report from an occupational health consultant which said the unit posed no risk to him.

Mr Chalk, who developed an ulcer on his right eye while off sick in 2012, said he would not return without a guarantee he would not be deployed to work in the unit, where he spent half his shifts.

Mr Chalk took the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, which he had worked for over 30 years, to an employment tribunal in Birmingham accusing it of disability discrimination and unfair dismissal.

But at the end of the three-day hearing, the panel threw out the claims. Trust representatives said efforts had been made to redeploy him but, despite job vacancies being sent to him, he had not replied to them due to stress.

Employment Judge Pirani said: "We have sympathy with Mr Chalk. However, from the case which has been made, we consider there has been no breach of duty."

Sex offender breached order with library jobs

A CONVICTED sex offender from Dudley breached a protection order by working at libraries,a court heard.

Former school technician Kevin Lowe, 52, was convicted in 2009 of having more than 2,000 indecent images of children on computers at his home.

He was given a 10-year sexual offenders protection order and banned from working with children. He was ordered to undergo three years' supervision and put on the sex offenders list for five years.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that he found work at various libraries in Birmingham between April and December last year.

Danger

Mr Mark Rees, prosecuting, said that when interviewed by police, Lowe accepted that the positions would have put him in contact with children.

Mr Regan Peggs, defending Lowe, said: "There was never any possibility of him being alone with any children. It would appear there was very little risk of any harm being done whatsoever. He didn't realise when he applied for the job in libraries that he was placing himself in such danger."

Mr Peggs added that Lowe, of Stourbridge Road, had applied for the temporary library positions because of his 'bookishness'.

The courtheard that Lowe, who lost his job at High Arcal School in Sedgley following his original conviction, told his arresting officers that he did not believe he had breached the order.

Judge Michael Challinor said Lowe had displayed 'breathtaking arrogance'.

Lowe pleaded guilty to a charge of breaking the terms of his sexual offenders order. He was sentenced to nine months jail suspended for 22 months and ordered to pay £250 costs.

School leaver jobs scheme helps 1,500

A SCHEME launched to support school leavers in danger of becoming long-term unemployed has already helped more than 1,500 youngsters.

Dudley Council's new Risk of NEET Indicator initiative was introduced at the start of the academic year in September 2013 and has supported 1,530 Dudley borough pupils, aged 13 to 16.

Dudley's scheme identifies pupils who are most at risk of not being in employment, education or training.

Each of the borough's 20 secondary schools and six special schools have a personal adviser working with the young people and their parents or carers.

As a result, figures show that the percentage of 17-year-olds now involved in employment, education or training is now 94 per cent compared to 92.9 per cent a year ago. This represents an additional 347 young people engaged in education or in work.

The Risk of NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training) Indicator was introduced by the council's Connexions service and has won praise from the Local Government Association.

Trash mountain still stands tall



The huge mound of rubbish at the former recyling firm in Brierley Hill, as seen from Moor Street

PILED high and with vegetation sprouting from it, this huge mound of waste remains an eyesore in Brierley Hill.

Residents living near to the former recycling waste site used by Refuse Dervived Fuel Ltd in Brierley Hill still face this site daily — almost six months since the company's director Robert McNaughton was jailed for failing to meet the deadline to clear the waste.

Apart from bales being moved from the front of the site by the landlords, the Environment Agency admits it is unsure anything has moved in the past three months.

A spokesman said: "To our knowledge, no material has been removed since Mr McNaughton was released from prison.

"We are still monitoring the situation and we've stopped the company operating. It is still our intention to make those responsible pay for the action necessary. The legal process is complex but we will continue to pursue the outcome residents would want to see."

Thug is jailed for robbery in street

A THUG who decided to 'de-stress' after a row with his girlfriend by carrying out a violent robbery on strangers on a town centre street has been jailed for nine months.

Lee Cartwright attacked blameless pair Sebastian Bartlett and Reece Jenkins as they walked through Stourbridge late at night on April 12. The 23-year-old grabbed the young men, who had been on a night out, and warned: 'Give me your phone and wallet or I will knock you out.'

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told he took £10 from Mr Bartlett and punched Mr Jenkins in the face. Cartwright, from Brompton Drive, Brierley Hill, pleaded guilty to robbery and attempted robbery.

He was sent to prison by Judge Michael Challinor who said: "Robberies like this make ordinary people reluctant to go out at night."

The attacker, whose six previous convictions had not involved violence, told police: "I had an argument with my girlfriend and needed to de-stress."

Miss Blondelle Thompson, defending, said: "He was so horrified by his behaviour that he went straight to his doctor and was put on a drugs misuse programme."

It's blooming good work

VOLUNTEERS are hoping to plant the seed for Britain in Bloom success as they begin preparations for the contest.

Students from Birmingham Metropolitan College have been driving the Brierley Hill in Bloom project forward with planting after Brierley Hill Traders' Association secured £2,500 funding to match its own contribution towards the scheme. Other supporters include Brierley Hill Civic Society, Brierley Hill Market, Jennings Homer & Lynch Architects and Greencare Groundwork.

Salon's top prize

A SOUTH Staffordshire hairdresser's has been named the UK's best regional salon in the Hair Magazine Awards 2014.

The Lisa Shepherd Salon in Wombourne beat competition nationwide to land the award recognising excellence and innovation.

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Clock is put in storage while new home found

A CLOCK has been moved as its traditional town centre location faces an uncertain future.

The cast-iron pillar clock at Lye's Pocket Park, behind High Street, and is one of the town's best-known landmarks.

Dudley Council has confirmed the clock created to celebrate Lye's heritage has been placed in storage.

Bosses from the authority are now asking residents for their opinion on where the clock should be located.

The council has been forced to make the move as the future of the site is now being reconsidered by its owner.

Yhe previous owner had allowed the council to refurbish the land as a public space back in the 1980s, complete with benches and the clock.

The benches will also be moved ,to the nearby Butterfly Children's Centre.

The clock will be stored by Lye firm Boro Foundry, where the piece was originally cast after being designed by borough artist Steve Field.

Residents can make a suggestion for the clock by e-mailing dudleycouncilplus@dudley.gov.uk or calling 0300 555 2345.

Three on lead theft charges

THREE men accused of stealing lead from the roof of a care home in Halesowen are to appear in court.

Police were called to Halesowen Project for the Elderly on Queensway after a passerby spotted a group of men using ladders to get to the roof on May 27.

Three men were arrested and charged with theft. Mark Bilsby, aged 49 from Naggersfield Road, Brierley Hill, David Fletcher, 21 from Junction Road, Lye and Jamie Bourne, 34 and also from Junction Road, Lye, will appear before Dudley Magistrates on July 15.

Nordic walks

WALKERS can step up the pace with fitness sessions at a park this summer.

Dudley Council is offer free Nordic walking classes at The Leasowes in Halesowen every Thursday. Beginners are invited to join in the 6 to 7pm session, advanced walkers at 5.30pm.

Heroin addict, 25, preyed on the elderly

A bogus workman who targeted elderly victims in a string of burglaries has been jailed for five years.

Samuel Davey stole cash and personal documents from the homes of his victims, some aged in their 80s and 90s, in Halesowen and Dudley.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week that 25-year-old, of Snowdon Grove, Halesowen, had posed as a window cleaner and told another victim he was fixing a fence before stealing money in two distraction burglaries.

Police tracked him down after his DNA was found on towels and a pen at their properties.

Mr Nicholas Burn, prosecuting, said Davey had appeared inside the home of a 93-year-old in Halesowen, on April 24 and told her he was fixing a fence for the next door neighbour. After he left, she realised he had taken her handbag containing around £40 in cash.

He had targeted the home of an 85-year-old woman in Halesowen less than a month before. Davey asker her if she wanted her windows cleaning and claimed he needed to come into the house to measure up the windows. Once inside he asked for a hot drink and to borrow a pen, whilst the victim made him a cup of tea Davey took her purse from her handbag, containing her bus pass and around £70cash.

Chewed

The court heard that he had also ransacked the home of a 62-year-old in Lower Gornal last November while she had been out, stealing her passport, birth certificate, medication, mobile phone and headphones.

Davey's DNA was found on towels at two of the properties and on the pen lent to him by one of the victims, which he had chewed.

He pleaded guilty to three counts of burglary. In mitigation, Ms Amanda Tomkins said he had been a drug user for around five years and had spent £60 a day on heroin.

Handing Davey a five-year prison sentence, Judge Michael Challinor told him he had targeted elderly people 'deliberately' and 'systematically'.

He told him: "The elderly are always very traumatised by burglary.

"They feel vulnerable in their homes. The impact upon them is very significant."

Stadium's revamp is hit by delays due to rain and fault

A £17,000 improvement of Dudley's main sports stadium has hit delays caused by an equipment fault and the heavy rain disrupting work.

The running track at the Dell Stadium, in Pensnett, was closed last month for repairs and maintenance to take place.

It was expected to re-open earlier this month but Dudley Council has confirmed this had been put back until the end of the month. Officials blamed the delay on heavy rain which disrupted work. Specialist equipment used by the contractor has also broken down.

Cabinet member for health and well-being Councillor Rachel Harris said: "The heavy rain we have had in recent weeks has caused delays with the cleaning of the running track at the Dell Stadium. There is also a fault with the contractor's specialist equipment.

Quickly

"We are working closely with them to get this work done as quickly as we can. We are hoping to have the track ready for use by the end of June.

"We are also speaking to athletics clubs who use the track to keep them informed of progress."

Hundreds of people use the stadium in Bryce Road every week and Dudley and Stourbridge Harriers athletics club use the stadium for training. Club chairman David Eades said: "It has affected the athletes who train there. It's caused some distruption.

"We only applied to have two or three home meetings this season because of the work taking place. Our next one is the beginning of July but that is starting to look doubtful."

Libraries to join day of celebration

BLACK Country songs, poetry and short stories will be performed in libraries across Dudley borough next month.

The events have been organised to tie-in with the official Black Country Day on July 14.

Poet Liz Berry will perform readings during a coffee morning at Netherton Library on the day itself ,starting at 10.30am.

Readings will be from her debut collection which is due to be published in August.

Also on July 14, Gornal Library will host a Black Country afternoon tea where bread pudding will be serviced from 2pm to 4pm.

On July 15, Billy Spakemon will perform his poetry and short stories in Black Country dialect at Dudley Library. The event will run from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the library's reading room.

All of the events are free and people are advised to reserve seats for the Dudley and Netherton events.

Dudley Library is on (01384) 815560 and Netherton Library (01384) 812845.

Caring nurse Kate really is a cut above



District nurse Kate Owen, Queen' s Nurse award winner, has her hair cut off helped by fellow fundraiser Tracey Cooper

A DISTRICT in Dudley has proved she is a cut above by donating her hair to charity.

When Kate Owen learned last year that her five-year-old cousin Jack had Leukaemia she wanted to do something to show her support. So over the last few months she has grown her hair in preparation for it to be shaved off and donated to the Little Princess Trust, a charity that makes wigs for young girls and boys who have lost their hair during chemotherapy.

In all the mother-of-two, who has been a nurse in Dudley for 20 years, lost ten inches of hair during the fundraising event at the Dudley Arms in Himley, which managed to raise £800 thanks to sponsorship and also a vintage tea party and , raffle.

Kate said: "I wanted to do something for the charity after I found out about Jack.

"I also work with a lot of cancer patients and I understand the impact it has on lives.

"I am so pleased with how it went, we managed to raise a lot of money and we all had fun."

The 40-year-old from Kingswinford has another reason to celebrate after being given the title of Queen's Nurse by the Queen's Nursing Institute award for her work setting up community clinics at Brierley Hill Health and Social Care Centre. Her team has taken strain off hospitals with an oncology clinic helping cancer patients and an antibiotic clinic.

NEWS in brief

Valley's project is getting £58k

THE Veolia Environmental Trust has given out a total of £58,000 for projects in the Black Country.

Woodsetton Charitable Trust will get a £31,000 to create footpaths and a bridge in Swanbrook Valley. Other grants will go to the Oak Tree Centre in Oldbury and Holy Trinity Church in West Bromwich.

Don Davies, of Woodsetton Charitable Trust,- said: "It will enable us to improve the valley for its many visitors, including people with disabilities."

Pupils learn about glass heritage

PUPILS from three schools stepped back in time to learn what life was like a century ago when glassmaking was at its peak in Stourbridge.

Ashwood Park Primary, Ridge Primary and St James Primary pupils took part in a National Heritage Lottery Young Roots project, joining role play with Black Country theatre group The Fizzogs at Glasshouse College in Amblecote and travelling by narrowboat to Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone.

Beauty evening is a boost for charity

MORE than £1,700 has been raised for charity during a glamorous evening held at a beauty salon.

Guests were given the red carpet treatment at the event at Scratch Nail Studio and Beauty Salon, in Oldswinford. The Hagley Road salon owned by Chantel Welvaert, 24, held the event to raise money for a cystic fibrosis charity because one of her friends has the chronic illness.

Canal visitor hub scheme backed

BOSSES at Dudley Canal Trust are celebrating after securing £60,000 of funding towards their new Portal project.

The money, from The Headley Trust, will be released to the trust over the next two years and will help the project seeking to create a new visitor centre beside the canal in Dudley.

Sea cadets' fun day

MEMBERS of Sandwell Sea Cadets have planned the charity day at the Sir Robert Peel pub, in Birmingham Road, Blackheath, on July 12. Raffles, prize giveaways and games will take place from 1pm.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



WE watched the sun go down over Beer beach in Devon as we have done from time to time since 1972. Why do folk go back to the same familiar places, year after year? In one of her short stories Margaret Atwood says it is "to steady myself against the current of time that is flowing past and over me, faster and faster." Anyone over 50 knows exactly what she means.

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YOU can't help noticing how many of the second-hand volumes in the Beer church book stall are do-it-yourself manuals. The connection, presumably, is that the name of Our Saviour is uttered more often in DIY than in just about any other human endeavour, and certainly with feeling. There is probably more religious language in 20 minutes of plumbing than in a whole Sunday in church.

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IF you need proof that the Devonian lifestyle is good for you, look no further than the routine death announcements outside a local funeral director's. This week's dear departed were 93, 97 and 101.

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HOW international politics works. Memorandum from the Grand Ayatollah to all citizens of Iran: With effect from 0900 on Monday the stinking, whore-bred spawn of the Great Satan will be known as "our dear friends the American people".

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DEAR Tony, of course it's not your fault. There is no connection between your invasion of Iraq in 2003 and the chaos that has followed. Nor is there any connection between the UK debt crisis and all those billions of pounds you and Gordon borrowed. And there is definitely no connection between the rise of Ukip and your policy of open-door immigration. It's all just pure coincidence. Yours sincerely, Alastair Campbell.

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THE public-health advice from the Food Standards Agency is not to wash chickens before you cook them. Damn right. They peck your soap to pieces and get feathers all over the shower.

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IN HIS new book My Scotland, Our Britain, Gordon Brown declares his great pride in being MP for Kirkaldy and Cowdenbeath, "to speak on behalf of the community that made me and raised me." So how many times have you spoken in Parliament since losing the 2010 General Election, Mr Brown? He may like to kid us he's Mr Proud but the former Labour leader and PM has been doing very good impressions of Mr Grumpy and Mr Silent.

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GENERATION Right was the title of a Radio 4 programme looking at the alleged right-wing views of Britain's under-30s. One manifestation of this was young people objecting to NHS resources being spent on binge drinkers, chain smokers and grossly obese people who are perceived as being responsible for their conditions. What on earth is right-wing about wanting to use the NHS effectively? I bet the great Labour reformers who created the NHS 60-odd years ago would have had precisely the same views.

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THE bank rate may be raised by October. About time, too. One rarely mentioned fact about Britain's financial crisis is that the black hole was plugged by taking billions of pounds from innocent old people. Pensioners who had been getting £5,000 a year on their investments were suddenly told that their income was being cut to £700. If any other section of the public had been treated like this, there would have been blood in the streets. Having robbed the old 'uns for the past seven years, the banks are preparing to give them a little bit more. Sweet.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Pair in stolen car chase sent to prison

TWO men who crashed into other vehicles along busy roads as they attempted to flee police in a stolen car have been jailed.

Luke Arnold was driving the stolen car in the Russells Hall area and David Wright was in the passenger seat when officers spotted the vehicle on July 8.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard the vehicle had been taken in a car key burglary during the early hours of the previous day and had been fitted with false number plates.

Officers saw Arnold, who was known to them, and gave chase turning on blue lights. Instead of stopping Arnold had overtaken other vehicles, colliding with some, damaging doors and wing mirrors, continuing along Stourbridge Road.

Arnold and Wright were arrested after they fled the car at a red light.

Arnold, 29, of Fellows Lane, Harborne, and Wright, 35, of Heath Lane, Yardley Wood, both pleaded guilty to aggravated vehicle taking. Wright also pleaded guilty to a separate count of handling stolen goods.

He had been seen behind the wheel of a stolen Vauxhall Astra on February 5 this year by police and was arrested. The court was told there was no evidence he had been involved in the taking of the vehicle.

Arnold was jailed for 15 months and disqualified from driving for two years. Wright was sentenced to 12 months prison for aggravated vehicle taking and 18 months consecutive for the handling stolen goods, a total of 30 months.

Mr Philip Brunt, defending Arnold, said his client accepted his guilt. Miss Sarah Allen, for Wright, said it was a difficult time for him due to the death of his brother.

Robbers only have to pay back £1 each

by Tim Spiers

THUGS who committed a string of robberies in a three-week crime spree which saw them pocket tens of thousands of pounds have been ordered to pay back just £1 each.

Ross Underwood made £43,200 and Richard Howell pocketed £31,200 during the crime wave, which included dragging a driver from her car and raiding a shop armed with a crowbar.

But as neither has any assets to be able to pay back the cash, they have been ordered to pay a nominal fee of £1 to the public purse.

The court ruling was labelled 'a joke' by a 53-year-old widow who was pinned to a bed as her late husband's precious £10,000 watch was stolen during a raid on her Woodsetton home by one of the men.

She said: "And they say that crime doesn't pay."

Raids

Underwood, aged 28 and of Damson Wharf in Tipton, is currently serving a sentence of seven years and three months after admitting conspiracy to rob.

Howell, 37, of Carder Crescent in Bilston, is behind bars for six years after admitting the same charge.

Underwood and his partner in crime Howell – who also took part in some raids but not the Woodsetton robbery – have no assets left, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Last week Judge Michael Dudley told the pair: "There will be a nominal order of £1 in each case."

During their crime spree, the pair dragged a woman from her £22,000 Audi TT in front of her 13-year-old daughter at the Orbital Retail Park in Cannock.

The passenger then got out leaving the key in the ignition of the vehicle that was driven away by the robbers, who each had covered their face with a scarf.

The pair struck with another crook at the Spar in Lapwood Avenue, Kingswinford,the next night. Armed with a crowbar, they filled bins with £8,000 worth of cigarettes after threatening female staff and made their escape in a blue Audi TT.

Howell – who was only freed from jail three months earlier – joined Underwood in stealing £3,000 cigarettes and cash from the Co-op in Dudley Road West, Tividale.

Again staff were threatened, with Howell and Underwood and a third raider wearing balaclava hoods.

Six days later a widow's irreplaceable and sentimental items were stolen from her Woodsetton home, when 28-year-old Underwood and two others barged in.

The grandmother was alone watching TV in bed when the masked men armed with a crowbar charged into the room.

The terrified mother-of-two screamed as she was threatened by the thugs, who pushed her down on the bed and fled with her beloved late husband's precious £10,000 watch.

Demanded

She was pinned to the bed while they rifled through her drawers and cupboards and demanded cash before fleeing with her mobile phone and other jewellery.

The victim, who has spent thousands of pounds on extra security for her home since the raid, said: "It's a joke, it's like they've got away with it.

"I've had to spend all this money on security at my home and they made thousands of pounds from what they did.

" They've got no morals. And they say that crime doesn't pay."

She added: "It was bad enough to lose my husband without having masked men burst into my bedroom to wreck my life."

The £10,000 watch had been bought for her late husband's 40th birthday.

It was a of huge sentimental significance to the widow. The watch has never been found.

Underwood and Howell were arrested in Gornal the following day after being linked to the stolen Audi.

The Audi was discovered in a lock-up garage in Rifle Street, Coseley.

Detective Constable Darren Brown said at the time: "This was an extremely brutal attack on a defenceless woman, who should feel safe in her own home."



Ross Underwood stole a £10,000 watch from widow



Richard Howell raided convenience stores

Big musical finale for day of fun in the town

A MUSICAL show at Dudley Town Hall will round off a day of family fun as part of the Black Country Festival.

An evening to celebrate the American Dream will be held in Dudley next month to raise money for the West Midlands Teenage Cancer Trust.

The show, on July 12, will follow a full day of traditional Black Country entertainment on Stone Street Square in the town.

The town hall performance will feature music from great American musicals including West Side Story and Wicked. Musical theatre performers Kieran Brown, Sabrina Alouche, Katie Berstein, CiCi Howells and Matthew Davies will take part.

Councillor Pete Lowe, deputy leader of Dudley Council, said: "It will be a fantastic night of performance and most importantly, will be raising money for a great charity."

The evening is just one of the events scheduled around official Black Country Day on July 14.

The night will start at 7.30pm at Dudley Town Hall. Tickets cost £12, £10 concessions. To book tickets for the show visit www.dudley.gov.uk/entertainment or call 0870 320 7000.

Scheme for new homes

MORE than 40 homes could be built on woodland near a popular park.

Developer A J Mucklow has submitted outline plans to Sandwell Council to build 42 properties off Halesowen Road in Cradley Heath. The scheme near to Haden Hill Park will consist of three and two-bedroom homes. Under the proposals the site will be accessed via a new junction and section of the site would remain wooded.

Sandwell Council gave permission for a similar application by the same developer in 2011 but it didn't go ahead.

Knit and natter

A GROUP is being set up for people in Wordsley. The Knit and Natter is to take place on Wednesdays at The Cottage, behind Richardson Hall, in Lawnswood Road. The first is on July 9 between 2pm and 4pm. Bring crafts and a £1.50 charge includes refreshments.

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Tourists urged to discover attractions

TOURISM chiefs have launched a fresh campaign aimed at boosting visitor numbers to Dudley.

Major attractions across the borough have joined forces to help promote the borough.

A website providing information about all of the places of interested has been re-launched by the Discover Dudley group.

It is made up of council attractions such as the Red House Glass Cone, Himley Hall and Dudley Town Hall as well as Dudley Zoo and the Black Country Living Museum as well as hoteliers and restaurants.

The Discover Dudley site comes hot on the heels of Visit Britain launching two new reports about spreading the benefits of regional tourism outside of London and calling for tourists to get out and about throughout the UK.

Councillor David Sparks, leader of Dudley Council, said:"It is important that Dudley punches its weight both nationally and internationally to attract visitors.

"We have some fantastic and unique places for tourists to visit and great connectivity to the wider West Midlands and the rest of the UK."

Firm plan on monument

PLANS have moved forward to put up a 4ft high aluminium obelisk to commemorate the influence of Simon Engineering in Dudley.

Its workers manufactured more than 13,000 revolutionary hydraulic platforms to be used for firefighting and rescue operations.

Dudley Council has approved a planning application for the headstone-shaped monument at the corner of Angel Street and Queen's Cross.

The firm was based at the site from 1954 to 1975, before moving to a new HQ opposite Russells Hall Hospital.

Credit to centre

A LEISURE centre has been recognised for offering facilities for people with disabilities.

Portway Lifestyle Centre in Oldbury is one of only six centres in the country to be awarded the top Inclusive Fitness Initiative (IFI) Mark.

Son stole £42,700 from blind mother, 90



Jailed – Simon Crutchley

A SON stole more than £42,700 from his 90-year-old blind mother from Dudley after 'taking advantage' of her vulnerable condition to seize control of her finances.

Simon Crutchley had only recently renewed his relationship with his mother, Joan, following an estrangement of 12 years, when he started taking money from her. He was last week jailed for 16 months after a court heard he had run up huge debts after losing his job, including £90,000 credit card bill.

Mrs Crutchley, who is also almost deaf, had decided to get back in touch with her son in 2010 because of her increasing frailty. But Crutchley, aged 51, soon took control of her finances, ripping up or taking away bank statements and even ordering carers not to touch her post, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Over a period of 15 months, between 2011 and 2013, he took sums of £19,000, £15,717, £6,497 and £1,538 belonging to his mother.

Crutchley, of Vallenders Road, Bredon, Tewkesbury, pleaded guilty to four counts of theft.

Mr Trevor Meegan, prosecuting, said Mrs Crutchley had believed her son only had access to an HSBC account. But investigations showed Crutchley had transferred cash from other accounts.

"This money was essentially Mrs Crutchley's life savings which she was using to pay for her care and she wanted to stay in her own home," said Mr Meegan.

Miss Blondelle Thompson, defending, said her client, who is now self-employed, was 'ashamed'.

"When he came back into her life he did put lot of things in place for her," she said.

"He lost his job and his outgoings exceeded his income. He took advantage of her and is ashamed of the way he behaved."

Judge Martin Walsh said: "She was extremely vulnerable.

"These offences are so serious they cross the custody threshold."

Council directors facing axe in bid to save £1m

UP to half of the senior managers at Dudley Council will lose their jobs to cut more than £1 million from the staff budget.

Eleven of the 22 department directors and assistant directors are at risk of redundancy at the cash-strapped local authority as the council undertakes a 'major review' of the senior management team.

The first of the senior managers could lose their jobs by the end of the year under the 'corporate restructure'.

It comes as Dudley Council is planning to make cuts of £34 in the next three years with 40 redundancies already announced.

But the authority has already predicted there will be a further £23m shortfall over the same period.

Dudley Council's cabinet will consider a report on the senior management restructuring next month.

Modernise

Proposals will have to go out to formal consultation with staff who are directly affected.

Dudley Council leader Councillor David Sparks said the authority needed to modernise in the wake of funding cuts from Government. "It is important that we bring forward a management structure that is fit for the 21st century," he said.

"We must have the right people in place so we can become more of an outward looking authority, that not only serves our local communities but is also effective at a regional and sub regional level.

"All councils face significant and unprecedented financial challenges due to significant cuts in Government funding. We must save £1 million in staffing costs. At the same time the modernisation of our council management is long overdue."

Retirement flats will be built in village

PLANS for a retirement complex in Kinver have been approved.

Permission has been granted for a 38-flat retirement home on the site of a derelict motor garage on Stone Lane.

The application from McCarthy and Stone was previously refused in December for a number of reasons, including the loss of land earmarked for employment use.

But a revised application, which includes 26 two-bed and 12 one-bed flats, was last week granted by South Staffordshire District Council's regulatory committee.

Councillor Lin Hingley, a member for the village, spoke in favour of the scheme, saying that it had been amended to provide 34 parking spaces.

She said: "A public exhibition was held on September 20, 2011, it was well attended and I think if people were against it then we would have had many letters. I'm also thinking it will encourage more employment than the current units would give us."

College arts centre is taking shape



The new £2.9m arts block will provide state of the art accommodation for King Edward VI College students

THE construction of a £2.9 million arts centre in Stourbridge to serve hundreds of students is forging ahead with work taking place to install the roof.

The complex which fronts Coventry Street and Duke Street is on track to be completed by the end of the October.

Once completed it will bring King Edward VI College's information technology, graphics, dance and drama departments under one roof.

It is the second phase of the college redevelopment programme and follows construction of a £1.3m maths centre, which opened in September.

Double

Principal Sharon Phillips said: "The new £2.9m arts block will provide state of the art accommodation including a new student refectory which will double the size of the old one, plus new dance, drama, computing and graphic design facilities."

The college currently has to rent accommodation near the campus with two IT suites and graphic rooms based at nearby Medusa House. It also rents space within Westwood House for dance and drama studios.

The site was previously used for parking. The college also received permission to demolish outbuildings to the rear of Coventry Street.

The plans were backed by council officers who said the scheme would the regeneration of Stourbridge.

NEWS in brief

Red Hill route is set to open again

A ROAD which has been partially closed for 18 months after a wall collapsed was due to reopen yesterday

Rubble and debris fell into the roadway in Red Hill, Stourbridge, on Christmas Eve 2012.

Dudley Council bosses were forced to shut the road completely for three months as part of the clean up.

It was due to re-open to two way traffic on June 25 at 6am after the completion of repairs.

Table top sale is to raise funds

RESIDENTS will be able to pick up a bargain when a community centre stages a table-top sale.

The event will be held at Stourton Village Hall, in Bridgnorth Road, on July 12 from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Organiser Margaret Rogers said there would be a wide range of stalls. Money raised will go to charities, including the upkeep of the village hall.

For more information, or to book a table, call Margaret on (01384) 872073.

Bees branch out in zoo enclosure

A 3,000-strong swarm of honey bees sent keepers at Dudley Zoo buzzing into action when they settled on a tree near the camel enclosure.

Staff called in Sedgley bee keeper Robert Cheswick to help move the insects. They colony settled on a branch away from the animals and Mr Cheswick was able to transfer the bees to a container to take home to his own hives.

Mystery patients to rate their care

HOSPITAL outpatients are being given the chance to become 'mystery shoppers' to help health bosses improve services.

The Mystery Patient programme at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital will delve into individual clinics and invite patients to meet up after their appointment to tell the staff first hand what they really think.

Full steam ahead

THE history of the steam turbine is the subject of a talk for the Black Country Society's Industrial Archaeology Group on Wednesday by Alan Hill at Dudley Canal Trust in Peartree Lane at 7.30pm.

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It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

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Cloudy2Clear service Wolverhampton and the surrounding area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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IN MY VIEW

WITH MARK ANDREWS



WHILE sitting in a park recently, I was informed that according to an old wives' tale it is good luck if a pigeon makes a mess on your shoe. Having had a couple of weeks to reflect on this, I have come to the conclusion that this is a myth.

It is bad luck if a pigeon messes on your shoe. But good luck indeed if said pigeon misses and lays a bit fat splat on the traffic warden standing next to you.

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OBSERVING that Wayne Rooney's wife was pictured at the airport in Brazil with no fewer than 15 suitcases, somebody remarked on Facebook that 'Coleen Rooney's luggage sums up all that is wrong with English soccer!' On balance, I feel inclined to agree. Except that it wasn't her spare clothes I had in mind.

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AND why does every football match now have to be preceded by half an hour's worth of sentimental gush about the players' personal lives?

Gushing tales about how 'grandad was always there for them' and tearful tales about how they want their children to be proud of them. Could you have imagined Nobby Stiles or Geoff Hurst blathering on like that before a must-win game? Of course not. It's supposed to be a sport not the Oprah Winfrey show.

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INTERESTING to see that the British and US governments appear to be adopting a policy of 'whoever is my enemy's enemy is my friend' by joining forces with Iran in the fight against the Isis militias in Iraq.

It is of course a policy which has been tried before. Not so long ago, it was Iran's fundamentalist leader Ruholla Khomeini who was public enemy number one, agitating trouble wherever he went, taking his country back to the Middle Ages, calling us 'Little Satan' and ordering his followers to murder a British author, nice friendly stuff like that.

To counter the growing menace that Khomeini was presenting to world peace, the West decided to support his biggest enemy and provided him with weapons to attack Iran. There were concerns that this man too might have one or two murderous habits but he seemed a bit more civilised, and he always dressed nicely whereas Khomeini dressed up like a villain out of one of the Harry Potter films.

His name, of course, was Saddam Hussein. When Khomeini died in 1990, he was no longer our friend.

Maybe it's just down to being a simple 'mon' from the Black Country. But British foreign policy seems a confusing business sometimes.



Martin Vickers in his vineyards with a Rondo vine



Halfpenny Green Vineyard, in Tom Lane, Bobbington



Martin Vickers with assistant winemaker Ben Hunt

Raise a glass to vineyard's success

British wines are now taken seriously due to vineyards such as Halfpenny Green, says **JAMES FISHER**

ONCE sneered at across the globe, English wine is now being taken very seriously, with local wine-makers taking on – and beating – some of the most established names in the business.

Halfpenny Green Vineyard, in Bobbington, has seen first-hand how attitudes towards homegrown wines have changed during its 30-year history.

Clive Vickers, who co-owns the vineyard and makes the wine, said the resurgence was seeing homegrown wines taking on even those from the famous Champagne region.

Awards

"We've been growing grapes here for 30 years now and going back to the 1980s there was definitely a stigma attached to what we were doing," he said.

"But during the last two or three years, as a country, we have realised we can now make really decent wine, which is now winning awards on a regular basis.

"English wine growers across the country are now winning competitions, not just nationally but also internationally.

"Customers are also coming back on a regular basis and not just trying the brands as a one-off.

"Such is the interest we are no longer producing enough wine to deal with the demand."

The vineyard's most popular wines include a medium white, called Black Country Gold, as well as Penny Red, a 12 per cent, medium bodied red. There is even an English sparkling wine to rival the products of Champagne.



Martin Vickers with some of the wines on sale in the shop at the vineyard

Halfpenny scooped a silver award at the Decanter World Wine Awards – the first British producer to ever to receive the honour – for its red wine, Rondo.

The vineyard has expanded from just half an acre to more than 30 acres over the years. It now produces between 50,000 and 70,000 bottles a year, depending on the weather. Halfpenny has even secured contracts to supply stores such as Waitrose.

"We have expanded by a few acres each year and other vineyards give us their grapes to grow because they don't have the room," said Mr Vickers, who opened the vineyard with father, Martin, who still runs the firm.

"We get more deliveries of grapes here than ever before and we continue to learn more about the industry with each year that passes.

"Thirty years ago a lot was down to chance because we were learning as we went.

"But we planted early and worked out which varieties worked for us. For any new wine growers now all the information is out there for them," added Mr Vickers.

He said the warmer weather in England was also having an impact on the industry with certain grape varieties growing in Britain, which would not previously have survived.

"Whether it's down to climate change is up for debate but the reason there are more vineyards is because of the weather," he said.

"It's arguable whether the weather is improving because of all the rain we've had, which we have to try and deal with.

"But we've got varieties of grapes growing here that would not have survived a generation ago.

"One of the main changes we have seen is from the British public who are enjoying local produce of all varieties.

"People are more conscious of the miles food travels now and realise they can get a product just up the road, which is as good as one from Australia or Argentina."

The vineyard was originally the vision of Martin Vickers, who planted his first grapes three decades ago. Thirty years on it boasts 30 acres of vines, which are managed by Martin and crafted by his son, Clive.

Today Halfpenny, which is situated 250 feet above sea level, is one of the largest in the UK.

For 23 years the vineyard has been awarded prizes for its wines, including international, national and regional recognition.

Numerous awards have come from the Mercian Vineyard Association and the UKVA, including in 2013 when it won silver for its Tom Hill and bronze for its Old Meadow, Penny Black and pink sparkling wines at the UKVA, and silver or its pink and white sparkling wines at the Mercian awards.

The family business now includes a shop, restaurant, deli and a tearoom.

POLITICS

WITH DANIEL WAINWRIGHT



REDUCED to little more than a third of the membership of Walsall Council, one might very well question the audacity of Tory leader Mike Bird in bidding to retain control.

All the numbers were against him. Labour had won a couple more seats in last month's local elections and now held half.

The death of opposition leader Tim Oliver left Labour one more down. But in order for Labour to be defeated it would require every other party and the independents to team up against it. Somehow that is exactly what happened.

Mike Bird managed something that many Tories can only dream of, he got UKIP to support him staying in control. He is adamant that nothing was offered and that no deals were done, which raises a problem for Nigel Farage's Eurosceptics. Can they really claim to be as anti the Tories as they are Labour?

The Lib Dems, of course, have made their bed with the Tories over the past two years and must now lie in it for better or worse.

But Walsall's blue-gold-purple alliance is not in a stable position politically. There will be a by-election in Birchills Leamore to find a successor for Tim Oliver and I wouldn't bet against Labour keeping the seat.

Councillor Bird is going to have to come up with a year of political miracles. He has to keep not only his own party on side but the Lib Dems, UKIP and two independents, as well as trying to win over the mayor, Democratic Labour's Pete Smith (not to be confused with Labour Classic, New or One Nation).

Some councillors are new and untested. They all have to be there for every single vote to avoid defeat. And Councillor Bird has no authority over the ones who are not in his party. He has to get a budget passed. But then Labour has form for sitting on its hands in Walsall, despite first protesting and posing for pictures with campaigners, amid concerns that had they voted the budget down they would have paralysed the council.

He will have to keep a constant watch for a motion of no confidence.

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WEST Bromwich MP Tom Watson has put Mr Miliband's spin doctors on warning that they need to cut out the schoolboy errors. These included the decision to pose with a copy of The Sun and the now infamous pictures of Mr Miliband struggling with a bacon sandwich.

I'd add to that the decision to bring the leader to Walsall three days before polling day and invite party supporters to a speech they would already completely agree with. While the faithful were gathered and hanging on Ed's every word, they were not out knocking doors and winning hearts and minds.

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Blair keen to send young people to war

I SEE that Tony Blair is again extolling the virtues of us going to war in the Middle East. Is it his avowed intent to send the cream of our youth into battle to justify his role of ambassador for peace in the Middle East? We must pray that the powers that be take no notice of his ravings. I feel sure that the last thing we want to see are more flag draped coffins being repatriated to these shores.

Why doesn't he practice what he preaches and go marching off to war himself? While not wishing him any harm, I'm certain that a short spell under fire would quell the fighting spirit that seems to burn in his breast when he is advocating sending other people's sons and daughters into harm's way.

We are no longer a big enough power to be able to police the whole world and, even if we were, we no longer have the wherewithal to undertake such tasks, having so depleted our armed forces. I fear that we would be hard pushed to defend the Channel Islands, we can only hope that the need never arises.

B PARSONS
Coseley

A Mander Centre trip is too costly

IT'S nice to know that we can look forward a transformation of the Mander Centre soon. However, I would like to make an observation if I may.

Last week my wife and I decided to do our shopping in the town (sorry, city) with most of it in the Mander Centre.

We parked on the convenient shoppers' ar park on the roof.

After completing our shopping and enjoying a cup of coffee we returned to our car and a £5.10 parking charge because we had spent more than two hours spending money in the Mander Centre.

On that basis we can drive to Merry Hill, get free parking and have a better choice of shops and stay as long as we like.

So unless we are going to get free parking in the new Mander Centre, why would we bother?

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Not hard work, it's called being a parent

IT doesn't matter how much you try to encourage healthy eating at school, the children that the Government are targeting will still go home and eat what their parents give them or snack on what's in the cupboard.

School should be for teaching, not feeding. If the government wants to promote healthier eating, it's the parents they need to be looking at.

I know many will whine that they are single parents and haven't got time cook healthy meals from scratch. Well, I'm a single dad with sole custody of my 13 year old and she wakes up to a healthy breakfast every morning. I send her to school with a healthy packed lunch each day and at night I make a healthy evening meal, and I run my own business in the meantime. I also help with her homework, read to her and spend time supporting extra-curricular sports activities.

It's not hard work, it's called being a parent and it's worth any sacrifice because I care about my daughter's future.

Children learn the basics of good morals and a hard working ethos from their parents at home, then the more specialised academic subjects from teachers at school.

If the parents are lazy junk food addicts with no work ethic, then guess what? The children will turn out the same.

M WILKES
Dudley

Britain set a bad example

B Parsons believes that the EU is subjugating the UK.

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TIM WELLER
Hunnington Crescent
Halesowen

Thank you for honesty

I WOULD like to thank the good Samaritan who found my handbag that I accidentally left on a chair in the Therapy Department of Russells Hall Hospital on Thursday. June 5, and handed it to the receptionist.

Their honesty in doing so has saved me from immeasurable problems.

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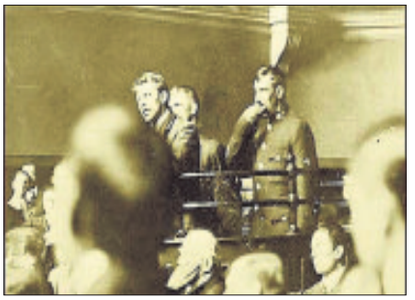

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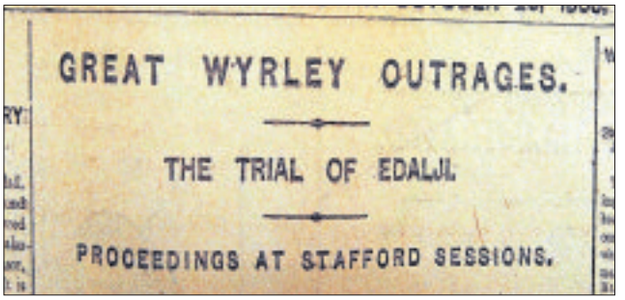
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The Edalji's home at St Mark's Vicarage in 1903

IT is a tale that fascinates to this day – and led to the intervention of Sherlock Holmes creator Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

MEMORY LANE
by Rob Golledge

Vicar's son George Edalji was wrongly convicted of a brutal pony mutilation and it fell to Conan Doyle to play real-life detective and clear the young solicitor's name.

Now the Wyrley Outrages – which unfolded at the turn of the 20th century – are to be made into a three-part ITV drama starring Martin Clunes as Conan Doyle.

The ITV series will be be adapted from the novel 2005 Arthur & George by Julian Barnes, which was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize. It will go into production this autumn and will be filmed in Greater London and Staffordshire – but exact locations are yet to be released.

The mysterious case started with a collection of anonymous poison pen letters in the name of the 'Wyrley Gang' which plagued the area during the late 1880 and 1890s – some which named George. Then followed the mutilations which shocked the community. Gruesome picture postcards from the time showed some of the mutilated creatures either lying in a field or at the local slaughterhouse.

On August 18, 1903, a pony was found mutilated at the Great Wyrley Colliery Company. Police investigations led officers to the vicarage and to George, whose father Shapurji was the vicar at St Mark's church for 42 years. He was born a Parsi in Bombay and married to Charlotte who was born in Ketley in Shropshire.

George was arrested on suspicion of the pit pony killing – the eighth such slashing – but it was inferred he was also responsible for the maiming and ripping of at least five horses, three cows, and a sheep.

He was tried at Stafford Quarter Sessions in what today is the Shire Hall Gallery. Despite dubious circumstantial evidence such as razor blades found in the vicarage and spots of blood on his coat, he was convicted and sentenced to seven-years of penal servitude with hard labour. The fact that the outrages continued after Edalji's imprisonment was disregarded.

There was huge public outrage over the case – not only at the shocking killings – but also at George's treatment.

Because of the widespread publicity, public pressure to the Home Office appeared to pay off. In October 1906, George was released, although only because the sentence was considered too harsh and his name was not cleared.

He went on to write a series of articles for The Umpire newspaper telling his side of the story. The articles caught the eye of Conan Doyle, who travelled to Staffordshire and, just like his sleuth creation Sherlock, began to unravel the case.

Conan Doyle argued that George, who was near sighted, could in no way have committed the crime and, eventually the guilty verdict was found to be unsafe. Home Secretary Herbert Gladstone concluded that George should be granted a free pardon but refused any compensation.



Rev Edalji, wife Charlotte and Horace, Maud and George



The wrongly convicted George Edalji

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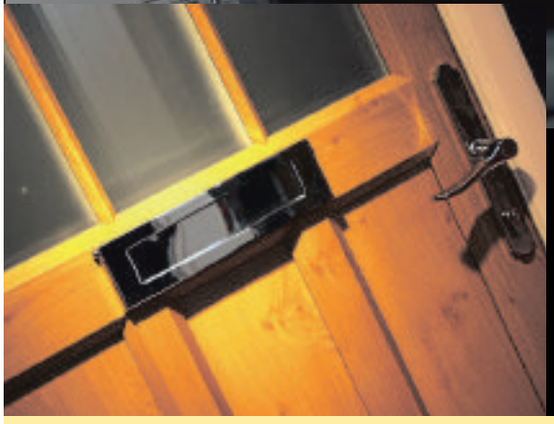
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Young footballers rally round to support little Leah's appeal

A YOUTH football team has got behind a toddler's quest to raise £35,000 for an operation to help her walk.

Leah Davy was born with spastic diplegia, a form of cerebral palsy which has left the five-year-old unable to walk without help. Her mother Katherine, aged 27, has launched a campaign to pay for an operation.

Members of Netherton Colts donated £1,200 raised at their presentation award nights towards the little girl's cause. The total takes the amount raised so far to £6,000.

Spokesman for the football club Carl Bottle said: "I heard about Leah and the club decided it was a worthwhile cause. We're delighted to help." Player Lewis Hamblett, aged 13, is also making wrist bands to help raise money for Leah.

Mrs Davy, who lives in Rowley Regis, said: "It's amazing to get the support like this from the football club. We went along to the presentation evenings and the reception was so nice. The money gives us all a big boost."

Leah, a pupil at Springfield Primary School, uses a wheelchair or a frame to get around.

She was born 12 weeks early and spent the first three months of her life in the neo-natal unit at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

Mrs Davy said: "She is just a normal, playful four-year-old girl. We want the very best for her."

The family is holding its next fund-raising night at Mecca Bingo in Oldbury on July 12.

Tickets for the event include bingo cards and a UB40 tribute act. To help see www.justgiving.com/leahswish



Leah Davy from Rowley Regis is pictured with Connor Edge and other members of Netherton Colts

Council scrap white only taxi cab rule

A RULE forcing taxi drivers in Dudley to use only white-coloured vehicles has been abolished.

Drivers successfully battled for the controversial single-colour scheme to be overturned and the change came into force this month, ending nearly 20 years of the white only ruling.

The vehicles can now be any colour but must be fitted with new signs which clearly identify the vehicles as taxis to ensure customer safety.

Drivers launched a campaign against the single-colour rule, introduced by Dudley Council in 1996, saying the rising cost of white-coloured vehicles was putting them out of business.

Chairman of Dudley Private Hire and Taxi Association Shaz Saleem said: "We are delighted the change has now been made. It will be of benefit to firms in the borough.

"White cars could be up to £2,000 more expensive than other vehicles and it was forcing some drivers out of business."

He added: "The plates on the vehicles are very clear and show that the cars are taxis."

Bursary is a boost for the less well off students

A COLLEGE with sites across the Black Country and in Worcestershire has been awarded a £20,000 bursary to help disadvantaged students.

Birmingham Metropolitan College which has campuses in Stourbridge, Brierley Hill, Great Barr and Kidderminster has received the cash from the National Express Foundation.

by Heather Large

The grant can be used to help young people with the cost of travel, books and specialised clothing.

Principal Andrew Cleaves said the money would be a huge benefit to students, adding: "I'm delighted that Birmingham Metropolitan College has been successful in its bid for the Student Bursaries Programme.

Contributing

"Any additional financial support for students whilst studying is a bonus and will help students to realise their goals as well as assisting families who are endeavouring to support them.

"It's wonderful to see one of our major, local employers contributing assistance in this way and we're looking forward to continuing to work with the Foundation to deliver a successful programme."

The National Express Foundation is providing £100,000 this year to assist progress to higher education or new activities, equipment and training at colleges across the region.

James Donnan from the foundation, said: "The Foundation seeks to help young people from challenging backgrounds to succeed in life. We know a modest amount of financial help can make a huge difference to bursary recipients, enabling them to progress their studies and further their ambitions."

Launched two years ago, the National Express Foundation is a registered charity. The bursary programme has already benefited students across the West Midlands.

Last week Birmingham Metropolitan College has announced expansion programmes for two of its sites.

Around £8.5 million will be spent revamping the James Watt Campus in Great Barr to boost student numbers with £2.9m of the money being grant funded by the Skills Funding Agency.

A further £1.5 million will be spent on improvements at its campus in Hagley Road, Stourbridge, which is already undergoing a major revamp.

Work is under way on a £5 million scheme to modernise the campus in Oldswinford, parts of which date back 60 years.

Affordable housing is praised by MP

A BLACK Country MP has welcomed figures showing new affordable homes are helping people get onto the property ladder.

Chris Kelly, Conservative MP for Dudley South, said 800 homes have been built in Dudley since 2010 and 157 people have been able to buy their own home thanks to the Government's Help to Buy scheme.

He said: "The Conservatives, as part of our long-term economic plan, took action to get Britain building again and launched Help to Buy so more people could get on the housing ladder. Thanks to these policies, 800 new affordable homes have now been delivered and 157 people have been able to buy their own home in Dudley.

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Lottery backs plan to put historic pictures on line



Express & Star editor Keith Harrison, left, archivist Heidi McIntosh, historian Anne Eales, and university business manager Scott Knight

AN ambitious plan to make more than 750,000 photographs, spanning 140 years of West Midland history, available to the public have been given lottery backing.

Proposals to publish the Express & Star picture archive, which dates back to the newspaper's origins in 1874, on a free public website are being developed after the newspaper, in partnership with the University of Wolverhampton and the city council, secured £59,800 from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The partnership will use the money to develop a detailed blueprint for the project, before the team applies for a six-figure lottery sum to carry out digitisation work.

Support

More than 100 groups and individuals had backed the bid, with letters of support coming from as far afield as Canada and Australia. Supporters included the Black Country Society, the Landor Society, which celebrates the history of Rugeley, the Black Country Memories Club, and the London Wolves Supporters Club.

Mike Pearson, of the Black Country Society, said he was thrilled that the bid had been successful.

"It's not just the photographs, it is the social history behind it, it represents 140 years of how the Black Country has grown and changed."

Wolverhampton city archivist Heidi McIntosh said one of the most common requests she received was for people wanting old newspaper photographs from years gone by.

Express & Star editor Keith Harrison said: "We're absolutely delighted to be part of this project."

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School directors would stop 'Trojan horse' plots

A NEW wave of academies and free schools would be brought under the oversight of directors of standards under plans revealed by Labour's education spokesman.

Tristram Hunt says his plan iwould prevent a repeat of the so-called 'Trojan horse' controversy in Birmingham, where some schools have been placed in special measures after allegations of a plot to run them by strict Islamic rules.

Mr Hunt was visiting a school and a college in the region with Dudley North MP Ian Austin and Dudley South Labour candidate Natasha Millward, who is campaigning for education and skills to be the top priority for the Black Country.

Mr Austin wants to see new well-paid and secure jobs revive the Black Country but said they will only be there if young people possess the qualifications that businesses want.

They met with Lowell Williams, principal of Dudley College, and students who gave them a tour of the three buildings where 400 courses are provided to more than 12,000 students. The visit included the purpose-built aeroplane cabin where students learning how to be flight attendants. The shadow education secretary then went on to Ellowes Hall Sports College.



Tristram Hunt visits the airplane cabin



Tristram Hunt, Natasha Millward and Ian Austin

Mr Hunt said: "We plan to introduce directors of school standards. They will be independent of local authorities but will have oversight over schools, academies and free schools.

"What events in Birmingham highlighted was the absence of local oversight and if we had a director of school standards that oversight would have been there and concerns could have been dealt with sooner."

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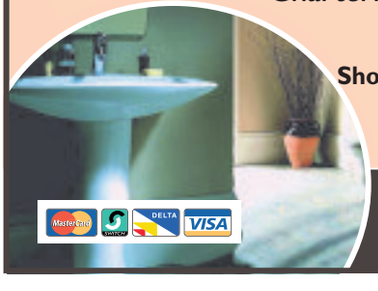
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Plea for more talks after vote for strike

A STRIKE by thousands of council workers and school staff has been criticised by council chiefs and MPs, who have branded it 'reckless' and inconvenient'.

Schools could close and services grind to a halt during the walkout on Thursday, July 10. after Unison voted in favour of strike action in a row over pay. It coincides with planned action by the National Union of Teachers.

Union leaders are being urged to reconsider by South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson. He said: "I would encourage them to get back around the negotiating table and think about the affect this is going to have on teachers, children and parents."

Dudley Council leader David Sparks said the authority was considering the implications of the vote.

Unison bosses insist the action is necessary after the Government proposed a one per cent pay rise. Tony Rabaiotti, Unison spokesman, said: "Many of our members are low paid women earning barely above the minimum wage, who care for our children, our elderly and our vulnerable, and they deserve better treatment than they have had at the hands of this Government."



Artist David Jones with his painting of Aynuk and musician Danni G inside the glass cone

Aynuk portrait is focus of festival of fun at cone

HIS cheeky grin and infectious humour is as well known in the Black Country as faggots and paes.

And now an image of the popular comic Aynuk is being committed to canvas for an auction as part of Black Country Day celebrations.

Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone is hosting a three day festival of comedy, music and poetry for the Black Country Festival from July 11 to 13.

And the master of mirth himself is having his mischievous smile recreated for a painting to be auctioned off during the weekend.

Wollaston-based artist David Jones, aged 38, has been commissioned to create a painting of Aynuk, aka Alan Smith, for the festival organised between Dudley Council and KMS events.

The oil-based painting is in its final stages ready to go on sale for charity with proceeds for the day going to the Tettenhall Horse and Donkey Sanctuary.

Mr Jones, who also teaches art classes and had worked for fine art companies, said: "With Aynuk what I'm aiming to do is bring out his smile and his cheeky grin. I'm putting the finishing touches to it now."

Black Country Day takes place on July 14 and aims to celebrate all things which are great about the area.

The festival held as part of the celebrations will kick off with A Black Country Night out on July 11 featuring Aynuk, The Fizzogs, Black Country Gaz, Emma Rollason as Dolly Allen and The Sponners. Tickets for the comedy evening cost £10 from www.wegottickets.com

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Villagers in call to move boundaries at Hagley

HUNDREDS of campaigners are demanding changes to parish boundaries, which they believe give villagers a raw deal on services.

A protest is gathering momentum calling for Hagley, near Stourbridge, to no longer be cut in half by traditional boundaries. The centre of the village comes under the Hagley parish but West Hagley, on the outskirts, is part of the parish of Clent. Around 500 people have signed the petition by Hagley Residents Action Group calling for a review.

by Andrew Turton

Bromsgrove District Council says it is planning to hold a review after the request from campaigners to transfer those homes to Hagley Parish Council for local governance. The current parish boundary is based on Gallows Brook and has been the boundary for more than 150 years.

But the campaigners say that since then almost 500 homes have been built in the Clent Parish part of Hagley.

They claim the change in boundary would give greater power to Hagley Parish Council to help safeguard vital services such as the community centre, transport links and the library.

Hagley Parish Council has backed the scheme with Councillor Steve Colella, who is also a member of the district authority, welcoming the idea.

"We have received a great deal of backing for this campaign and one which I am more than happy to support," he said. "As chairman of Hagley Parish Council it seems illogical that we represent only part of Hagley and unable to support or represent residents who live no more than a road width away.

"I'm keen to see that Hagley is a community that is unified and common goals involve the greater area of Hagley and not just a proportion of it. I can reassure residents who live in the area under review that the change will not be detrimental in anyway but will bring the community closer together.

"It is an anomaly that part of Hagley village is being represented by a parish council that is remote from where many residents live."

Residents' campaigner Fran Evans, who lives in the Clent parish part of Hagley, said: "We believe it will also ensure that our interests are better represented by Hagley Parish Council. I have attended a Clent Parish Council meeting and I didn't feel as if many of the issues discussed affected me, whereas virtually all the issues discussed in Hagley Parish Council meetings have an impact on our everyday life."

Black Country theme to hall comedy show

A MONTHLY comedy night will celebrate the humour of the Black Country at its next event, in July.

Kum-n-avaloff will be held at Stourbridge Town Hall on Thursday, July 3.

And the event will tie-in with celebrations surrounding the official Black Country Day on July 14.

Headlining the event will be comedian Andy White, from Smethwick.

Regular compere Dan Smith will host the evening and there are two more support acts still to be confirmed.

Tickets are £8 and include a curry. They can be purchased online from the www.dudley.gov.uk/entertainment website.

Councillor Pete Lowe, deputy leader of Dudley Council, said: "Kum-n-avaloff is always a popular and funny show."

He added: "We are looking forward to celebrating our local humour as part of the Black Country Festival."

Well versed in war memories on the SVR

POETS will be taking to the stage and railway staff will be transporting visitors back to the 1940s at two events at the Severn Valley Railway.

A day of railway-themed poetry is on the cards as The Steam Poets with special guest Bert Flitcroft bring their eclectic works to life at the attraction today.

It is part of the Worcestershire literary festival and will run from 11am until 3pm.

Eclectic and colourful entertainment is guaranteed from the Steam Poets team, made up of Dave Reeves, Greg Freeman, Suz Winspear, Deborah Alma and Rohit the Poet.

Grand station master of ceremonies, Dave Reeves is poet-in-residence at the Black Country Living Museum.



Volunteers go back to the 1940s

Workshops

Former newspaper sub-editor Greg Freeman gains his inspiration from railways and canals and is now the news editor for poetry website Write Out Loud.

Suz Winspear lives in a disused church, where she cultivates strange imaginings to turn into poetry and dark tales.

Ludlow poet Deborah Alma, who is also known as the Emergency Poet, thanks to her 1960s ambulance, runs poetry workshops for children and dementia sufferers. She is studying for an MA in creative writing at Keele University.

Rounding off the event is Birmingham-based performance poet Rohit the Poet, who has appeared at a number of major venues. When not on stage, he conducts workshops with young people that fuse poetry with Indian folktales and music.

Tickets are £10 and see www.worcslitfest.co. uk/2014-programme-and-tickets for further details on the festival.

Wartime

Hot on the heels of the poetry event is the first of the railway's two Step Back to the 1940s' weekends.

The first will be held this weekend with the second taking place on July 5 and 6.

The spirit of wartime Britain will be taking over the whole railway, including music, entertainment, re-enactments and period displays from Kidderminster to Bridgnorth.

This year's events will feature a Blackout Fair, including one of the oldest wooden helter-skelters in the world, as well as a cavalcade of vintage vehicles, full-size replica Spitfire, replica air-raid shelter, wartime operations room and even a 1940s wedding re-enactment.

Name game is giving staff the hump



Storm, a Bactrian Camel at West Midland Safari Park, has given birth a calf, still to be named by staff

HE may appear a little unsteady on his feet but this young Bactrian Camel calf at the West Midland Safari Park is already getting used to his surroundings.

The youngster arrived last Wednesday and has since been keeping close to his mother, Storm. Staff at the Bewdley park are still trying to come up with a suitable name for the calf.

Bactrian Camels are native to Central Asia and they are easily identified as they have two humps on their back.

Bob Lawrence, director of wildlife at the safari park, said: "This is Storm's second calf and he has joined the other eight Bactrian Camels that we have at the park.

"We are delighted by the birth and we may have some more arrivals later this year."

He added: "Bactrian Camels are endangered and there are only 500 to 600 wild specimens left. This just highlights that it is not only elephants, rhinos and tigers that are disappearing.

"We have had Bactrian Camels at the park for 20 years. They came from the Windsor Safari Park when that closed. We have been breeding them ever since.

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Family saga from the corner shop

BOOKS

JOURNALIST and author Sathnam Sanghera draws upon his years in Wolverhampton for his first novel.

Marriage Material *(Windmill Books, paperback, £8.99)* is a richly comic and poignant novel about the strength of family bonds, a kind of fictional sequel to his autobiographical debut **The Boy with the Topknot: A Memoir of Love, Secrets and Lies in Wolverhampton**.

The Times columnist and former Wolverhampton Grammar School boy in that book revisited his 1980s Punjabi family upbringing in the Black Country.

In Marriage Material our protagonist Arjan Banga revisits Wolverhampton when his father dies suddenly. The young Sikh finds himself torn between his own life in London and family duty when his widowed mother insists on keeping their corner shop open.

Recently Book of the Week on BBC Radio 4, **An Englishman Aboard** *(Penguin, paperback, £9.99)* sees author Charles Timoney row through the heart of France after a Champagne-fuelled bet that he'll travel the entire length of the River Seine, from source to sea, in his self-built boat.

It is a charming and amusing voyage that will delight all Francophiles.

A couple's idyllic artistic life in North Africa comes to a shattering halt when a moment of carlessness leads to the disappearance of their three-year-old son in **The Boy That Never Was** *(Penguin Michael Joseph, hardback, £12.99)*. Then years later, having moved to Ireland to build a new life, the father catches a glimpse of his son on Dublin's busy O'Connell street.

The author Karen Perry is actually an amalgam of Irish writers Paul Perry and Karen Gillece. Together they have created a gripping tale.

The latest case for Christopher Fowler's misfit crimebusters of the Metropolitan Police's Peculiar Crimes Unit involves bodysnatchers, a gruesome legend, a secrety society and the disappearance of the ravens from the Tower of London.

Bryant & May and The Bleeding Heart *(Bantam Press, hardback, £16.99)* is the 11th case for the quirky duo but newcomers to the series can dive in here with an enjoyably fanciful and darkly comic yarn with the matchless pair.

Maternal love, forbidden desire and a country mansion's secrets combine in John Boyne's deliciously creepy ghost story T**his House is Haunted** *(Black Swan, paperback, £7.99)*. The author of **The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas** enters Susan Hill territory but puts a spin on such familiar ingredients as a governess, vulnerable children and mysterious employer (think Turn of the Screw and Jane Eyre).

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Sathnam Sanghera at a book signing in Waterstones, Wolverhampton

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ARE you dark or bald, with hairy chest, well built, educated, verbal, articulate dom or sub, broadminded and ready to be put in your place? Curious to find out more? Call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410637**

VICKY 37yr professional, mum to one, sensual and very attractive, looking for a real man, tall, fit, sincere and passionate to enjoy each other's company. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411695**

LUCY beautiful busty bubbly blonde 32yrs, seeking naughty boy to enjoy the fun side of life with, age, status and looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411691**

LINDA single and living alone, attractive, young looking, bubbly, WLTM similar young at heart companion to be close with, enjoy chats and romantic dates. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410119**

WIDOW 68, 5ft 5ins, medium build, attractive, likes walks, reading, holidays, seeks sincere, N/S male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411745**

JEAN young at heart lady, active, 70 plus, N/S, GSOH, likes walks, gardening, outings, WLTM sincere, caring male, 69-74 for companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411711**

TINA sexy black female looking for healthy distractions with fun adult companion, interested? You won't be disappointed, give me a call. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411519**

LYNNE young looking attractive Indian female with GSOH and down to earth attitude, looking for likeminded male for date nights, hopefully more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411219**

EMMIE 50, attractive brunette, 5ft 3ins, OHAC, likes country walks, music, reading, seeks genuine, friendly, professional male with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411281**

RETIRED happy, caring, attractive female, likes gardening, travel, animals, comedy, seeks tall, funny, kind chap, Shropshire. **0906 500 3955 Box No: 411459**

MICHELLE 37, looking for laughter fun and romance with the right guy, if you could be him and have nothing to loose call me for a chat. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410415**

TAYLOR 21 black beautiful classy intelligent, loves to have lots of fun and enjoy life to the full, seeking mature guy to make me happy. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409911**

WENDY 50, blue eyes, 5ft 7ins, likes music, meals out, seeks white male, 45-55 with similar interests and GSOH for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410499**

73YR old Hereford lady, GSOH, young at heart, many interests, seeks caring, genuine gent of similar age for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410331**

NICKY bubbly curvy fun blonde, varied interests, enjoys meals out, holidays, seeking N/S male with GSOH for possible ltr. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410479**

KAREN 32 a hardworking petite blonde, enjoys nights out, music, etc, WLTM for more than just friendship with similar chilled, kind, easy going guy. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410461**

29YR old black beautiful busty tall loving very sensual lady, likes football, making friends, seeking genuine white male for enjoyable loving relationship. Pls no time wasters. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410577**

YOUNG early 40's female, GSOH, kind, caring, considerate, seeks male for friendship, possible romance. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410847**

CAROL 38 attractive romantic not looking for fairy tales just happy endings, seeking lovely male to put the sparkle back into my life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410721**

CLAIRE voluptuous tall feminine attractive lady who loves good company, fine wine/food, travel, WLTM tall professional for romance dates and hopeful ltr. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410627**

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MARIA gorgeous outgoing bbw 27, good fun, caring, romantic, looking for that special someone to share life with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408733**

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JOANNA 34, in need of tlc, wining, dining being treated like the princess I am, looking for sugar daddy, that someone special to love me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408869**

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TAYLOR attractive very busty curvy black female looking for fun times with open-minded male who is also looking for fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408311**

BETHANY 25yr old blonde, slim size 10 with great personality, looking for nice guy to share my life with, single dad welcome. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408253**

KIRSTY blonde blue eyed size 12 nurse, enjoys cosy nights, driving, holidays, socialising, WLTM broadminded male for adult fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409259**

KATH blonde independent female, employed with OHAC looking for fun and laughter with likeminded nice easy going male, any age. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 407955**

TRACY slim dark haired beauty, petite, hardworking career, enjoys dancing, nights out, WLTM loving male who can make me laugh for an adult relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409419**

SHARON very attractive British black lady, sexy size 6 looking for white male to fall in love with. Beautiful people can be lonely too. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409263**

MID naughty forties female looking fun, thrills and discreet meets, give me a call, you won't be disappointed. Any age with own accommodation. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409109**

ANNABELLA board attractive 30 something nurse wanting healing hands for no strings fun. No TLC required. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 407449**

ELAINE attractive 39yr old blonde single mum seeking respectful male/dad with similar interests for adult friendship, hopefully leading to love. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410117**

DONNA 27yrs blue eyed blonde with cute dimpled smile, loves socialising but looking for that special someone with GSOH to cuddle up with, enjoy fun/good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409733**

MARGARET OHAC, professional, sincere, adventurous, loving, kind, solvent lady who enjoys most things WLTM caring male with similar refined tastes. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 407925**

ATTRACTIVE 49yr old divorced lady, looking for honest, reliable man for LTR, 49-60. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409955**

ABBA girl blonde lookalike, size 16, attractive, bubbly, OHAC, seeking solvent, refined, handsome guy with full head of hair, 5ft 9ins plus, professional and courteous. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409151**

NEETA Black beauty, classy, intelligent 21yrs, loves to enjoy life, have lots of fun and be spoilt, give me a call. Any age, looks and status. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409101**

HI I'm Jo, first timer, newly divorced perfect size 10, blonde, attractive, tactile and looking to fall in love again. Age unimportant, dad welcome. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409089**

SUSIE 32yr old nurse who likes cosy nights in with a good bottle of wine and spending quality times with great company, if you feel the same pls get in touch. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408877**

FEMALE many interests, seeks male, 40-55 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408537**

28YR old female, seeking male with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408639**

MIXED raced lady, 34, widely travelled, seeking gent, 30-40 for romance. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408429**

ANITA very attractive black female, seeking mature white/Asian man to enjoy uncomplicated relationship with no ties. Any age, pls contact me, I'm very lonely. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408505**

HI I'm Pam, cuddly, attractive, self-sufficient, employed, looking for similar young looking, sincere male for hopeful ltr. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 407933**



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62YR old female, widowed, small, slim, attractive, kind, outgoing, likes meals out, dancing, holidays, nights in, seeking professional gent. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 394106**

CAROL 36, looking for older experienced gent 50-70yrs for fun times only, discretion assured and expected. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 401853**

SUE attractive lonely brunette who loves eves in/out, music, WLTM someone sincere to love and get close to, why not give me a call? **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 407021**

68YR old lady, likes gardening, meals out, days out, looking for sincere gent to share time with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408413**

JENNY single independent attractive lady, tall and leggy, sensual and looking for very special male friend. Only genuine callers pls. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408285**

CHRIS blue eyed blonde single female, lots of interests, loves travel, beach, nights in/out, looking for mature sincere gent for possible ltr. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 407615**

ATTRACTIVE female, young 49, 5ft 7ins, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, genuine, loyal, easygoing, GSOH, seeks tall, handsome male, 40-50 for fun times, friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 406135**

Men seeking women

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MALE 50, looking for soul mate for friendship and see what happens. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4411818**

MALE 58 looking for fun girl single or married, have nice home, lots to give. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4416414**

MARK fun loving, easy going, fair hair blue eyes, athletic, tanned, looking for good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411989**

FIT bubbly male, athletic, blue eyes, short fair hair, easy going, loving, GSOH, seeking female for no strings fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411901**

TALL attractive Shrewsbury male, 54, seeks attractive female for fun and excitement in the daytime. Discretion assured. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411823**

TIGER Woods lookalike, seeking pretty BBW for good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411801**

MALE 74, fit, N/S, OHAC, seeks slim lady of similar age for days out, holidays and walks. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411673**

TALL mature male, seeks younger, attractive mixed race lady for spoiling and pampering. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411505**

PHIL genuine male, 57, OHAC, looking for female, any race, status and age for no strings discreet fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411461**

DEE 49, divorced, handsome, fit, slim, seeks lady, any age for lasting, meaningful relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411415**

MARK 5ft 11ins, blond hair, blue eyes, slim-medium build, athletic, likes nights in/out, socialising, meals out, pubs, seeks female with similar interests and GSOH for fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411335**

MALE 67, seeking lady 30-50 for friendship/companionship and occasional days/nights out. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411293**

INTELLIGENT sincere Shropshire male, slim, young 60's, playfully assertive, seeking complimentary, responsive, feminine lady, 50-60's who enjoys music, books, the arts and countryside. **0906 500 3955 Box No: 411285**

EASY going male 45, likes sports, seeks female for relationship. **0906 500 3955 Box No: 411541**

5FT 6ins male, dark hair/eyes, glasses, likes meals out, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **0906 500 3955 Box No: 411455**

PAUL 62, seeks attractive Wolverhampton lady for discreet daytime fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410799**

MALE seeking female companion for outings, friendship and holidays. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412705**

STEPHEN 58, good looking, likes art, travel, seeking female, 50 plus for companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412633**

MALCOLM 61, smoker, great personality, likes coach holidays, drives, pubs, meals out, nights out, 60's music, seeks female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412523**

TONY 52, dark hair, white male, 6ft, confident, GSOH, seeks black female. Genuine ad. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412481**

TALL 42yr old sincere male, caring, honest, loving, seeking female, 30-40 for fun, friendship and good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412483**

COUNTRY loving businessman, honest, medium build, N/S, OHAC, seeks professional, genuine, caring, honest, N/S female for loving relationship, 45-55. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412445**

ALAN tall widower, 76, looking for female of similar age who enjoys meals out, holidays, walks and holidays. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412261**

ROY mid 60's, N/S, car driver, young outlook, seeks lady for friendship. West Bromwich area. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412083**

TALL slim gent, 60, seeks slim, attractive lady for no strings relationship. Discretion assured. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412227**

IAN 65, romantic, likes to wine/dine, days out, seeking younger female for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412087**

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ADVENTUROUS 32yr old slim, dark haired, creative, likes music, cycling and photography, seeks likeminded female to share fun and happiness with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 352753**

60YR old male, 5ft 11ins, WLTM female, 40-60 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411097**

STEVE 63, tall, fit, energetic, N/S, seeks lady, 55-60 for friendship and who knows. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410941**

SEAN 46, brown hair/eyes, average looks/build, loving, caring, understanding, seeks female to share good times with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410845**

ATTRACTIVE tall, dark, professional male, broadminded, adventurous, clean, discreet, GSOH, easy going, good company, looking for lady for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411019**

KEV 53, Stoke, seeking female for fun, romance, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410997**

IAN 47, 5ft 11ins, likes cinema, nights in/out, sports, socialising, GSOH seeking similar female. **0906 500 3955 Box No: 411297**

ATTRACTIVE male, seeks 100% adult fun with woman, any age/looks or status. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411253**

MALE WLTM pear shaped lady, 50-65. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411109**

PAUL 62, seeks attractive Wolverhampton lady for discreet daytime fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411099**

TRUSTWORTHY fit, active, caring, easy going male, N/S, 68, GSOH, seeks genuine lady, 59-72 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411083**

TOM 31, seeking female for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411165**

Men seeking men

YOUNG male, 25, educated, likes arts, dogs, travel, classic cars, comedy, seeks similar older male for LTR. London/Shropshire anywhere. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412463**

OLDER guy likes meals out, holidays, seeking younger for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411713**

DIVORCED male, young, fit 50, generous, own business, seeks male, any nationality, 18-20 for good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412727**

MALE 40's, discreet, seeks black male, under 30 for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412415**

Women seeking Women

SARAH shy, likes animals, football, cycling, walks, gardening, looking for female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411411**

Friends

MODERN young at heart lonely lady, 70's, likes trips out, holidays, seeking similar lady for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410215**

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Can't help loving those songs as blockbuster shows roll in

Pop nostalgia with stars of the 1970s

NOSTALGIA for the 70s will be all the rage at the LG Arena tomorrow when the Once In A Lifetime show packages some of the era's best known names.

Don't expect identical line-ups from the heydays of these pop acts. Topping the bill The Osmonds now include only three of the American brothers who conquered the world. There will be Jay, Jimmy and Merrill but no Donny.

Showaddywaddy feature two originals and one is the drummer. At least Les McKeown's Legendary Bay City Rollers has Les, the original singer for the Scottish popsters who had a tartan army of fans, and David Essex can't be replaced. Tickets cost £47.70.

Danish drama and teen humour

THERE is plenty of new drama to be seen at Birmingham Rep's smaller Door and Studio venues.

Frequently Asked Questions, New Wolsey Young Associates' guide to life for teenagers is staged tomorrow night at The Door.

A show for the under-8s, Peep!, is at The Door for morning and matinee performances on Saturday.

As part of the Be Festival of European culture, Danish theatre company Out of Balanz present Next Door, inspired by a neighbour's death, at The Studio from Wednesday to next Friday.

Call 0121 236 4455.

Musical was born to boogie

THE LIFE and music of 1970s glam rocker Marc Bolan will be celebrated in musical 20th Century Boy at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Monday to Saturday.

Bolan lit up the early 70s with his electric boogie band T Rex, leading a glam rock boom that also featured David Bowie, Slade and Sweet, but he died aged 29 when his Mini driven by girlfriend soul singer Gloria Jones crashed into a tree. The show starts with Bolan's son seeking to learn more about his father, who was a London mod and then a hippy before hitting the big time.

20th Century Boy The Musical stars Warren Sollars as the cork-screw-haired pop star and features his hits, including Get It On, Metal Guru, I Love To Boogie, Hot Love, Ride A White Swan and, of course, 20th Century Boy.



Warren Sollars stars as Marc Bolan in 20th Century Boy

THE American songbook gets an airing over the next couple of weeks with two classic US musicals on stage in Birmingham.

Cape Town Opera open their British tour of the lavish and seldom staged musical Show Boat at Birmingham Hippodrome on Wednesday, July 2, for four nights and two matinees.

The story follows the lives of the performers, stagehands and dock workers involved with floating fun palace the Cotton Blossom, a Mississippi show boat, over a 40 year period. The epic production promises all the glamour and flourish of a big family musical but with a story that highlights the racial tensions people faced at that time.

The show features more than 200 costumes, a set by the renowned stage designer Johan Engels, and the music and songs of Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II sung by South Africa's finest opera singers and played by the 30-strong Cape Philharmonic. The emotional score includes Can't Help Lovin Dat Man and the showstopping Ol' Man River.

A revival of Irving Berlin's Annie Get Your Gun, starring Emma Williams as sharpshooter Annie Oakley and Jason Donovan as Frank Butler, will be staged at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday.

Boasting such songs as Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better, There's No Business Like Show Business and Doin' What Comes Natur'lly, the Wild West show also features comic actor Norman Pace as Buffalo Bill.

Meanwhile, it's songs from the rock 'n' roll era that will be heard at the Hippodrome until Saturday night with Buddy, the West End hit musical about 1950s star Buddy Holly being staged,

Once Upon A Time, a new piece of musical theatre written and devised by Looked After Young People from Birmingham, will be performed at the Hippodrome's Patrick Centre on Sunday, July 6.

Then the big summer show that makes other theatres green with envy, Wicked, arrives at the Hippodrome for a summer stint, July 9 to September 6. Emily Tierney and Nikki Davis-Jones will star as Glinda and Elphaba, with Liam Doyle as Fiyero in the touring version of the hit musical prequel to The Wizard of Oz.



A scene from Cape Town Opera's Show Boat

Based on Gregory Maguire's novel, Wicked re-imagines the characters created by L Frank Baum in his Oz stories to tell the story of an unlikely friendship between two sorcery students who become Glinda The Good and the Wicked Witch of the West. It is packed with technical wizardry, a witty story and memorable songs by Stephen Schwartz, including Defying Gravity.

Swamp rocker gave Elvis a hit

TONY Joe White who wrote funky swamp rock song Polk Salad Annie, one of Elvis Presley's 1970s hits, is at Bilston venue The Robin 2 on Thursday.

The July 3 gig by the singer-songwriter from Louisiana, who also wrote Tina Turner hit Steamy Windows and the classic Rainy Night in Georgia, in support of his album Who You Gonna Hoo-doo?

Meanwhile, that's the same night that influential Liverpudlian band Echo & The Bunnymen have their rescheduled May concert at the Wulfrun Hall in Wolverhampton, following the release of their new album Meteorites. The band had a string of hits in the 1980s including The Killing Moon and The Cutter.

Strictly duo top dance mob show

STRICTLY Come Dancing professionals Kevin Clifton and Karen Hauer, who are engaged to be married, top the bill in dance show Flash Mob. Kevin was a runner up with partner Susanna Reid in the last series and Karen partnered Hairy Biker Dave Myers.

Flash Mob also features Britain's Got Talent finalists Flawless, So You Think You Can Dance runner up Tommy Franzen, Got To Dance duo Alleviate and Irish fusion couple Brosena. It is staged at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre tomorrow night and Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on July 15 and 16.



CHOICE



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The Cube: Celebrity Special (ITV, 7.30pm)

Mollie King from the Saturdays tackles a series of fiendishly difficult challenges as she tries to win up to £250,000 for her chosen charity. Cheered by on bandmates Una Foden, Frankie Sandford, Rochelle Humes and Vanessa White in the studio, the singer is under intense pressure to hold her nerve and avoid slip-ups inside The Cube. Back in 2012, Mo Farah became the first contestant to walk away with the jackpot – a feat nobody else has managed since. How will Mollie compare to the Olympic gold medallist? Phillip Schofield is on hand to provide words of encouragement.

BBC1

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6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** Wimbledon 2014. The sixth day's play continues. **4.30** Match of the Day Live. Group A Winner v Group B Runner-Up (Kick-off 5.00pm).

7.10 BBC News; Weather.

7.30 A Question of Sport: Super Saturday. Jason Manford presents the game show, with Matt Dawson and Phil Tufnell joined by actor Patrick Robinson, comedian Seann Walsh and sporting stars Iwan Thomas and Sharron Davies.

8.10 The National Lottery: Break the Safe. New series. Nick Knowles returns with the game show in which three pairs of contestants – a married couple, a father and daughter and two work colleagues – take part in several question-and-answer sessions in a bid to be the last duo standing. The winners have the chance to play for the money in the safe – with the amount depending on how much they have earned in the previous rounds. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws, presented by Jenni Falconer, with chart star Pixie Lott dropping in for a chat and to press the all-important button.

9.00 Casualty. Fletch makes a huge sacrifice to save Tess when she is involved in a horrendous train crash. Connie spends her first day as clinical lead, while Ethan and Lily make up.

9.50 Mrs Brown's Boys. Comedy, starring Brendan O'Carroll as a doting mother-of-six who constantly interferes in her children's lives. (R)

10.20 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.40 Kevin Bridges – The Story Continues. The Glasgow comedian returns to his home town, treating a sell-out crowd at the SECC Arena to his usual blend of social commentary, astute observations and sharp one-liners. (R)

11.40 Match of the Day: FIFA World Cup Highlights. Action from the first two matches in the last 16 in Brazil, which took place in Rio de Janeiro and Belo Horizonte.

12.25 Film: Final Analysis. (1992) **2.20** Weatherview. **2.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Film: The Big Sky. (1952) Western, starring Kirk Douglas. **8.00** MOTD Kickabout. **8.30** Inspire: The Olympic Journey. Magazine series presented by Gabby Logan. **9.00** World Cup Films. **10.45** Wimbledon 2014. Live coverage of the opening matches on day six.

8.00 Today at Wimbledon. John Inverdale introduces highlights of the sixth day's play at the All England Club, where the men's and ladies' third-round singles matches were due to reach a conclusion. The middle Saturday is always a special occasion at SW19 and the crowd on Centre Court last year were treated to the sight of Sabine Lisicki and Novak Djokovic, the two players who would eventually finish as runners-up, progressing to the fourth round with respective victories over Samantha Stosur and Jeremy Chardy, while Laura Robson – out of this year's tournament through injury – was another popular victor out on Court Two.

9.00 Mock the Week. Host Dara O Briain and regulars Hugh Dennis and Andy Parsons are joined by Angela Barnes, Miles Jupp, Romesh Ranganathan and Josh Widdicombe on the topical comedy quiz. The panellists give their take on the week's major news stories and participate in a series of stand-up spots and improvised games. (R)

9.30 Glastonbury 2014. Jo Whiley, Mark Radcliffe, Lauren Laverne and Huw Stephens present live coverage of one of the most talked about headline acts ever to grace Worthy Farm as American metal superstars Metallica take their place on the Pyramid stage. There are also highlights of performances from the second full day at Glastonbury, including music by Pixies, MGMT, John Grant and Manic Street Preachers, as well some bespoke acoustic moments and a peek at the late-night shenanigans that go on around the massive site under the cover of darkness.

1.30 Film: Hard Candy, (2006) Thriller, with Patrick Wilson and Ellen Page. **3.10** Match of the Day: FIFA World Cup Replay. A chance to see in full one of the first two matches in the last 16, which featured the Group C winner v the Group D runner-up, and the Group A winner v the Group B runner-up. **4.55** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes.

ITV

Due to World Cup fixtures, schedules are subject to change.

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Adventure Time. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News. **11.30** Storage Hoarders. (R) **12.30** All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) **1.30** Dinner Date. (R) **2.30** Fool Britannia. (R) **3.00** Tipping Point. (R) **4.00** The Chase. (R) **5.00** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **5.45** Catchphrase. (R)

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a selection of camcorder calamities and mobile-phone footage, featuring clips of cooking with gas, saddling up and something never before seen on the programme. (R)

7.30 The Cube: Celebrity Special. Mollie King from the Saturdays tackles a series of fiendishly difficult challenges as she tries to win up to £250,000 for her chosen charity. Cheered by on bandmates Una Foden, Frankie Sandford, Rochelle Humes and Vanessa White in the studio, the singer is under intense pressure to hold her nerve and avoid slip-ups inside The Cube. Back in 2012, Mo Farah became the first contestant to walk away with the jackpot – a feat nobody else has managed since. How will Mollie compare to the Olympic gold medallist? Phillip Schofield is on hand to provide words of encouragement.

8.30 FIFA World Cup Live 2014. Group C Winner v Group D Runner-Up (Kick-off 9.00pm). Coverage of the second match in the last 16, which takes place at the Estadio do Maracana in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In the event of extra-time and penalties, subsequent programmes are subject to change.

11.15 ITV News; Weather.

11.30 Film: Gone. (2007) A British couple travel through the Australian Outback with a backpacker who uses mind games to drive them apart. Thriller, with Shaun Evans, Scott Mechlowicz and Amelia Warner.

1.05 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** Trans World Sport. **7.30** FIM Superbike World Championship. **7.55** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.50** The Simpsons. (R) **12.20** The Simpsons. (R) **12.50** The Tomorrow People. **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newcastle and Newmarket. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.15 Come Dine with Me. Retired golfer David Witcher hosts the final evening in Kingston upon Thames, south-west London, and hopes to impress with an American-themed menu, including Wyoming slow-cooked ribs and Louisiana seafood chowder. After dinner, he entertains his guests with a bucking bronco, before the winner of the £1,000 prize is announced. (R)

6.45 Channel 4 News.

7.15 Film: Transformers. (2007) Teenager Sam Witwicky is treated to his first car by his dad, but it turns out to be an alien scout with a life of its own. Before long, the vehicle embroils Sam in a long-running intergalactic war between two factions of giant shape-changing robots, which have come to Earth to find a mystical cube that grants infinite power to its possessor. Michael Bay's sci-fi action adventure, inspired by the toy franchise, with Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel, Jon Voight and John Turturro. Edited for language.

10.00 Film: Van Helsing. (2004) A vampire slayer sets out to help a gypsy princess vanquish Count Dracula and his three brides once and for all. Gothic action adventure, starring Hugh Jackman and Kate Beckinsale.

12.35 Film: Terminal Velocity. (1994) A skydiving instructor helps a Russian spy foil an international criminal conspiracy to steal a fortune in bullion. Action thriller, starring Charlie Sheen and Nastassja Kinski. **2.15** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Holly and Dirk worry that Cindy might be hiding something from them, and the Roscoe boys promise not to push Rick out of their lives again. (R) **4.25** River Cottage Veg Heroes. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall revisits his summer of vegetarian living. (R) **4.50** Deal or No Deal. Beat-the-banker game show. (R) **5.45** The Hoobs. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Access. **10.05** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.35** Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) **12.00** The Hunt for Hitler's Missing Millions. (R) **1.00 Film:** Away All Boats. (1956) Second World War drama, starring Jeff Chandler. **3.15 Film:** Under Ten Flags. (1960) Second World War drama, starring Charles Laughton and Van Heflin. **5.10** 5 News. **5.15 Film:** Columbo: Short Fuse. (1972) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Roddy McDowall.

6.40 Film: Columbo: The Greenhouse Jungle. (1972) A penniless rare-plant collector, desperate for funds to support his expensive hobby, fakes his nephew's kidnapping to get his hands on a trust fund. However, the supposed victim turns up dead, prompting Columbo to take action to unmask the killer. Detective drama, starring Peter Falk, Bradford Dillman and Ray Milland. Edited for violence.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 The 12-Year-Old Shopaholic, and Other Big Spending Kids. Four children whose expensive tastes are indulged by their parents. Chase from Kent is a beauty pageant winner who is addicted to designer labels and also the proud owner of a pony, while Romy from north London possesses at least 50 handbags, but argues she is saving her mum and dad money because she won a scholarship to a fee-paying school. Nine-year-old Zak's divorced parents regularly shower him with toys and clothes, while 15-year-old Lauren's mother holds down three jobs to keep her daughter in the latest fashions. (R)

9.00 Big Brother. Catching up with the Big Brother contestants as they react to Friday night's live eviction, revealing how another departure has affected the rest of the house.

10.00 Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. This edition of the programme focuses on large families who depend on the benefits system, including an Ipswich couple who have 13 children. (R)

11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. Rylan Clark and Iain Lee present analysis of the housemates' behaviour, with input from psychologists and body-language experts.

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.05** Bikini Body? The Truth About Diets. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Kodaline & Kelis @ Glastonbury **8.00** Lana Del Rey & Jack White @ Glastonbury **9.30** Russell Howard's Good News **10.30** Jake Bugg @ Glastonbury **12.00** Family Guy **1.50** American Dad! **2.30** Uncle **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions **8.00** Robert Plant @ Glastonbury **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.45** Bryan Ferry @ Glastonbury **12.15** Top of the Pops: 1979 **12.55** Storyville: Muscle Shoals – The Greatest Recording Studio in the World **2.45** Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions **3.45** Close

ITV2

11.20 I Wanna Marry "Harry" **12.15** The Only Way Is Marbs **2.00 Film:** Honey (2003) **4.00** You've Been Framed and Famous! **5.00** You've Been Framed! **5.30 Film:** Scooby-Doo (2002) **7.15 Film:** Johnny English (2003) **9.00 Film:** Bridget Jones's Diary (2001) **11.00 Film:** White Chicks (2004) **1.15 Film:** License to Wed (2007) **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.35 Wycliffe **1.45** Agatha Christie's Marple **3.50** Lewis **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Bomb Girls **12.00** Inspector Morse **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.20 Greatest World Cup Goals **12.25 Film:** The 'Burbs (1989) **2.25 Film:** The Story of Dr Wassell (1944) **5.10 Film:** The Battle of Midway (1976) **7.50** Hornblower **10.00** Benidorm **11.00 Film:** Buried (2010) **1.00 Film:** National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1 (1993) **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **5.00** Teleshopping

E4

1.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.00** Rude(ish) Tube **4.00** How I Met Your Mother **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **9.00 Film:** Star Trek: First Contact (1996) **11.15** The Big Bang Theory **11.45** Rude Tube 2012 **12.50** 2 Broke Girls **1.20** How I Met Your Mother **2.15** The Ricky Gervais Show **4.05** Glee **4.50** Desperate Housewives

Film4

11.00 40 Guns to Apache Pass (1967) **1.00** Independence Day (1996) **3.45** Baby's Day Out (1994) **5.35** Jumper (2008) **7.15** The Simpsons Movie (2007) **9.00** The Karate Kid (2010) Martial arts drama, with Jaden Smith and Jackie Chan. **11.40** Troll Hunter (2010) **1.45** Don't Look Now (1973) **4.00** Close

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CHOICE



Terry Gilliam and John Cleese

Imagine: Monty Python – And Now for Something Rather Similar (BBC1, 10.35pm)

Eric Idle once joked that the Monty Python team would only get back together if Graham Chapman came back from the dead. There's been no sign of a Lazarus-like resurrection from the pipe-smoking sixth member of the team, and yet back in November the comedy group announced a one-off show at London's O2. Demand was so high that more dates were quickly added yet Cleese and co have been at pains to point out that this is not only a reunion – it's also a farewell. The Pythons have decided this will be the last time they'll work together as a group. Alan Yentob catches up with each member to give them the Spanish Inquisition, talking about individual projects.

BBC1

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6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Countryfile. (R) **2.00** Flog It! (R) **2.55** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.40** Points of View. **3.55** Songs of Praise. **4.30** Match of the Day Live. Group B Winner v Group A Runner-Up (Kick-off 5.00pm).

7.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.30 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison are in Lincolnshire, where he meets one of the last surviving members of the Dambusters squadron and takes to the skies in a Lancaster bomber, and she goes searching for a rare orchid and helps take down the sails of an eight-sailed windmill – said to be the only one in existence. Adam Henson goes shopping for a white park bull and John Craven launches the annual photographic competition on a theme of "animal magic". Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.20 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team pay the first of two visits to Wentworth Woodhouse stately home near Rotherham in South Yorkshire. Items include a mahogany bureau once belonging to the property's owner Earl Fitzwilliam, a delicate glass punch bowl that survived several visits to the air-raid shelter during the Second World War and a box of unpromising-looking bones that turns out to have quite a history. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations.

9.20 Casualty. Fletch makes a huge sacrifice to save Tess when she is involved in a horrendous train crash. Connie spends her first day as clinical lead, while Ethan and Lily make up. (R)

10.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.35 Imagine: Monty Python – And Now for Something Rather Similar. Alan Yentob catches up with the Monty Python team in the run-up to 10 reunion shows starting on Tuesday at London's O2, the last time the comedy group will perform together.

12.05 Film: And Now for Something Completely Different. (1971) **1.30** Match of the Day: FIFA World Cup Highlights. **2.15** Weatherview. **2.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.10 Film:** Lucky Jim. (1957) **7.45** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.15** World Cup Films. **9.45** Match of the Day: FIFA World Cup Highlights. **10.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **12.00** Glastonbury 2014. **1.00** Live Athletics. The British Championships. **4.30** Inspire: The Olympic Journey. A Commonwealth Games special of the magazine series. **5.00** Glastonbury 2014.

7.00 Tropic of Cancer. Simon Reeve travels through Laos and Vietnam and concludes his trip in Hawaii on the final leg of his journey along the northern tropic. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 The Quest for Bannockburn. Part one of two. To mark the 700th anniversary of Robert the Bruce's decisive victory in the First War of Scottish Independence at Bannockburn, Neil Oliver and Tony Pollard attempt to pinpoint the location of Scotland's most iconic battlefield. They are joined by historians, archaeologists and environmental scientists as they set out to gather evidence to chart the events that ended in an overwhelming Scottish victory over Edward II's English forces, helping seal Scotland's future as an independent kingdom.

9.00 A Cabbie Abroad: Canada. Mason McQueen heads to Iqaluit on Baffin Island in the Canadian territory of Nunavut, where he joins a small band of taxi drivers who keep the city on the move in all weathers. The Londoner arrives at the coldest time of year and is put straight to work, facing the most difficult driving conditions he has ever encountered as he takes his life in his hands to battle Arctic storms, icy roads and winds gusting at 70mph. Through his passengers, Mason finds out that the indigenous Inuit people are losing their traditional values and way of life and are plagued by high levels of suicide, homelessness and drug abuse.

10.00 Glastonbury 2014. Jo Whiley, Mark Radcliffe, Lauren Laverne and Huw Stephens present coverage of the last day of the festival, with Kasabian scheduled to headline the Pyramid stage.

1.00 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.55** Holby City. (R) **2.55** Match of the Day: FIFA World Cup Replay. **4.40** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

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6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Deadtime Stories. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News. **11.30** Love Your Garden. (R) **12.30** Tipping Point. (R) **1.30** Nature's Newborns. (R) **2.00 Film:** Columbo Undercover. (1994) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.00 The Chase. Four celebrity contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on quiz genius the Chaser and secure a cash prize for charity. Presented by Bradley Walsh. (R)

6.55 Regional Programme; Weather.

7.05 ITV News; Weather.

7.20 Celebrity Catchphrase. Kym Marsh, Steve Pemberton and Rosemary Shrager compete to identify familiar phrases hidden in animated clues to win thousands of pounds for charity. Stephen Mulhern hosts. (R)

8.20 FIFA World Cup Live 2014. Group D Winner v Group C Runner-Up (Kick-off 9.00pm). The fourth match in the last 16 takes place at the Arena Pernambuco in Recife, Brazil, and features the top team from England's group. It is possible that one or both of the teams involved tonight have already played one match here, given that it hosted the Group C clash between Ivory Coast and Japan, as well as Italy v Costa Rica in Group D, which was arguably the stronger of the two groups. Of the eight possible teams that could play in this fixture, only three featured in the last 16 in South Africa four years ago, and each experienced contrasting fortunes. In the event of extra-time and penalties, subsequent programmes are subject to change.

11.15 ITV News; Weather.

11.30 Film: Midnight Run. (1988) Comedy thriller, starring Robert De Niro and Charles Grodin.

1.45 The Store. **2.30** Motorsport UK. **3.20** ITV Nightscreen. **4.15** May the Best House Win. (R) **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** British GT Championship. **7.05** Windsor Triathlon. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.55 Film:** The Golden Child. (1986) Comedy fantasy adventure, starring Eddie Murphy. **4.45** Deal or No Deal. **5.45 Film:** Letters to Juliet. (2010) Romantic drama, starring Amanda Seyfried.

7.40 Channel 4 News.

8.00 Dolphins: Born in the Wild. Joy Reidenberg heads to New Zealand to uncover the mating strategy of dusky dolphins, and shows how marine mammals such as the harbour porpoise have evolved to reproduce in the ocean. Mark Evans visits Mexico to find out why whales travel 12,000 miles to find partners and how calves avoid ruthless predators underwater. The programme also witnesses the birth of a dolphin and reveals why they are born tail first. Last in the series.

9.00 Film: The King's Speech. (2010) The younger son of George V struggles to cope with an uncontrollable stammer, prompting his wife to enlist the aid of an eccentric Australian speech therapist. The support and friendship of the doctor prove invaluable when a crisis places the repressed prince on the throne, just as the outbreak of the Second World War leaves the country in need of a strong king. Oscar-winning fact-based drama, starring Colin Firth, Geoffrey Rush, Helena Bonham Carter and Guy Pearce.

11.20 Film: Rising Sun. (1993) A cop and a mysterious detective investigate a conspiracy behind a prostitute's murder in a Japanese company's Los Angeles office. Thriller, with Sean Connery and Wesley Snipes.

1.35 Film: The Black Dahlia. (2006) Crime thriller, starring Josh Hartnett. **3.35** River Cottage Veg Heroes. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall looks back at his vegetarian experience. (R) **4.00** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **4.05** Beat My Build. Property developers from England take on their Welsh counterparts. Last in the series. (R) **5.00** Deal or No Deal. Beat-the-banker game show. (R) **5.55** Countdown. With Dictionary Corner guest Jon Culshaw. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) **11.10** Access. **11.15** The Hotel Inspector Returns. (R) **12.15** Big Brother. (R) **1.15 Film:** What to Expect When You're Expecting. (2012) Comedy drama, starring Cameron Diaz. **3.20 Film:** Sabrina the Teenage Witch. (1996) Supernatural comedy, starring Melissa Joan Hart. **5.05 Film:** Stepmom. (1998) Drama, starring Julia Roberts and Susan Sarandon.

7.20 Film: The Wedding Date. (2005) A single woman is horrified by the thought of attending her sister's wedding alone, a task made all the more daunting by the presence of her ex-fiance. Taking the bull by the horns, she hires a male escort for the occasion – but her decision has unexpected results. Romantic comedy, starring Debra Messing, Jack Davenport, Dermot Mulroney and Sarah Parish. Edited for language and sexual content.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.

10.00 Bikini Body? The Truth About Diets. Conclusion of the two-part countdown of weight-loss methods, with scientists, industry experts and exponents explaining the pros and cons of fad diets and extreme exercise regimens.

11.00 Film: The Invasion. (2007) A psychiatrist and a doctor investigate the cause of a mysterious epidemic turning humans into zombies. Sci-fi thriller, starring Nicole Kidman, Daniel Craig and Jeremy Northam.

12.55 SuperCasino. **3.05** Angry Britain: Work Rage. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Ed Sheeran & Sam Smith @ Glastonbury **8.00** Bombay Bicycle Club & The Black Keys @ Glastonbury **9.00** Ellie Goulding @ Glastonbury **10.00** Disclosure Live @ Glastonbury **11.30** Family Guy **12.15** American Dad! **1.00** Edinburgh Comedy Fest Live 2011 **1.55** Murdered by My Boyfriend **2.55** Stacey Dooley: The Truth About Domestic Violence **3.55** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Dolly Parton: Platinum Blonde **8.00** Queens of Country **9.00** Arena: The 50 Year Argument – The New York Review of Books **10.40** Hidden Killers of the Victorian Home **11.40** Dolly Parton: Platinum Blonde **12.40** Queens of Country **1.40** Pop Charts Britannia: 60 Years of the Top 10 **3.10** Sounds of the Eighties **3.40** Close

ITV2

12.00 America's Got Talent **1.55** You've Been Framed! **2.55** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! **3.55 Film:** Honey (2003) **5.50 Film:** Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) **8.00 Film:** Must Love Dogs (2005) **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.50** TV OD **11.20 Film:** The Matrix (1999) **2.00** Ultimate You've Been Framed **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.20 Inspector Morse **1.40** Agatha Christie's Marple **3.50 Film:** Carry On Cruising (1962) **5.40** Inspector Morse **8.00** Lewis **12.05 Film:** Something's Gotta Give (2003) **2.20** William and Mary **3.10** Murder, She Wrote **4.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **4.25** Emmerdale

ITV4

11.00 Live British Touring Car Championship. **6.00** BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights **7.00** Cycling **8.00** Dirty Britain **9.00 Film:** Mars Attacks! (1996) **11.10 Film:** The Island (1980) **1.25** Richard Bacon's Beer and Pizza Club **2.15** Cheers **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **5.00** Teleshopping

E4

5.00 New Girl **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Addams Family Values (1993) **9.50** The Big Bang Theory **10.20** Rude Tube 2012 **11.25** How I Met Your Mother **11.55** Rules of Engagement **12.55** The Ricky Gervais Show **1.30** The Cleveland Show **2.45** Being Erica **3.30** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 10 Little Indians (1965) **1.00** Charlotte's Web (2006) **2.50** Ever After: A Cinderella Story (1998) **5.10** Home Alone 3 (1997) **7.10** Bedazzled (2000) **9.00** Die Hard (1988) **11.35** Evil Dead II (1987) **1.15** Hansel and Gretel (2007)

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Film Choices

MONDAY
Hush, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A doctor moves back to his home town with his family in tow, intending to lead a quiet life running his grandfather's medical practice. However, his plans are threatened by an obsessed old flame, who is determined to get him back and will go to any lengths to drive off his wife. Thriller, starring Tori Spelling, Victoria Pratt, Tahmoh Penikett and Susan Hogan. (2005)

TUESDAY
Killer Flood: The Day the Dam Broke, Channel 5, 3.10pm
An architect building a dam resigns from the construction company that employed him, citing poor standards and short-cuts. However, on a return visit, he realises the structure could collapse at any time – and although a nearby town seems doomed to a watery grave, he struggles to convince anyone of the danger they are in. Thriller, starring Joe Lando, Bruce Boxleitner and Michele Greene. (2003)

WEDNESDAY
Hard Target, ITV, 10.35pm
A woman searching for her missing father hires an out-of-work merchant sailor to guide her through the streets of New Orleans, where his martial arts skills are greatly tested in a series of encounters with sadistic hunters of human prey. John Woo's action thriller, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme, Yancy Butler, Lance Henriksen and Wilford Brimley. (1993)



We Own the Night, Thursday, ITV, 10.35pm

THURSDAY
We Own the Night, ITV, 10.35pm
The manager of a New York nightclub is caught between two worlds – while his brother and father are both highly respected police officers, most of his clientele are gangsters. Despite his best efforts not to get involved, he is forced to choose sides when gang violence escalates and his sibling is targeted by a hitman. Crime drama, starring Joaquin Phoenix, Mark Wahlberg, Robert Duvall, Eva Mendes, Alex Veadov, Dominic Colon, Danny Hoch and Oleg Taktarov. (2007)

FRIDAY
Role Models, Channel 4, 12.05am
Two irresponsible salesmen find themselves in trouble with the law after crashing their truck. To avoid jail, they agree to undertake community service looking after a couple of troubled kids. However, it soon seems that jail would have been the easier option. Comedy, starring Paul Rudd, Seann William Scott, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Bobb'e J Thompson, Elizabeth Banks, Jane Lynch, Ken Jeong and Ken Marino. (2008)

Pick of the Week

Old friends get ready to take to the stage

Monty Python's Flying Circus is no more. It has ceased to be. It is an ex-comedy programme.

But five of the six men who made perhaps the most surreal series in the history of British TV – John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Michael Palin, Eric Idle and Terry Jones – are still alive and kicking, and on Tuesday begin a 20-day residency at the O2 in London.

Tickets were like gold dust, with extra dates added to keep the hoards of fans happy who desperately wanted to see their ageing heroes in action one last time. We're promised that even Graham Chapman, who died in 1989, will appear via archive footage on a huge video screen.

It should almost feel as if they've never been away, despite the fact they've all carved out very different careers since their last project, the controversial Meaning of Life in 1983 (although the musical Spamalot was supported by all the Pythons and was based on the film Monty Python and the Holy Grail, it was the brainchild of Idle only).

But why get back together at all?

"Purely financial," admits Palin. "We've had this court case hanging around when one of the producers of The Holy Grail decided he needed a bit more of the cut from Spamalot – and court cases don't come cheap. Something had to push us into it!

"But the speed at which the tickets sold was astounding to us all. So, there are a lot of friends of Python out there."

As anybody who tuned in to the original show will tell you, it really WAS something completely different. What other programme offered funny walks in Ealing, a member of the Spanish Inquisition known as Cardinal Fang, a dead Norwegian parrot, nun boiling in Doncaster, Hell's Grannies in Teddington and a provocative fish-slapping dance down the docks?

However, Python nearly didn't exist at all. Instead, it could have been called The Toad Elevating Moment or Owl Stretching Time, both of which were rejected by the BBC. But whatever the name, the brand of humour would have remained the same – and no doubt have still gone on to influence thousands of comedians.

Initially, the series was meant as a vehicle for Cleese and Chapman, who had worked successfully together on The Frost Report. But Cleese wasn't keen on the idea of a two-handed show, and so approached Palin. He, Jones, Idle and Gilliam were supposed to be working together on an ITV series, but when it stalled, he suggested the four of them could join Cleese and Chapman at the BBC – and so Monty Python was born.

Their bizarre form of humour, inspired in part by their mutual love of The Goons on radio and Spike Milligan's TV series Q, was quickly branded 'surreal' by some, although that didn't nearly describe it well enough. And so, a new word was needed – hence the creation of the term 'Pythonesque'.

Here, Alan Yentob meets Cleese, Gilliam, Palin, Idle and Jones as they prepare to take to the stage together, 40 years after the Python TV show's demise. He also asks them about their individual projects from the past, present and future.



The Pythons' preparations for their reunion shows, Imagine: Monty Python – And Now for Something Rather Similar, Sunday, BBC1, 10.35pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY
The Cost of Cheap Alcohol: Channel 4 Dispatches
Channel 4, 8pm
Once upon a time, anyone wanting to buy in a substantial amount of cheap alcohol ready for a World Cup barbecue might have gone on a 'booze cruise' to France. Now they're more likely to pop down to the local supermarket, where multipack deals and falling prices mean you can pay as little as 70 pence for a pint of lager – and there are also plenty of bargains in the spirit and cider aisles. And while this may not be great news for the nation's landlords and ferry operators, should the rest of us be concerned as well? Antony Barnett counts the cost of alcohol-related crime, violence, accident and diseases, which is believed to run into billions.

Police Under Pressure
BBC2, 9pm
These are difficult times for most of Britain's police forces as they try to absorb some substantial budget cuts, but as the first in this two-part documentary revealed last week, South Yorkshire Police are facing more challenges than most. Its reputation has been tainted by Hillsborough tragedy, while its crime figures are among the worst in the country – and unless the statistics improve, the force runs the risk of being taken over by government inspectors. With access to officers on the ground, as well as those in charge, the programme looks at how morale has been affected, and also examines the divisions among the senior ranks about how best to turn the force around in just six months.

TUESDAY
Love Your Garden
ITV, 7.30pm
Alan Titchmarsh comes to the aid of a couple who founded a charity to support bereaved families after the loss of their 23-month-old son. Claire and Ian Estick have a busy schedule fundraising and running their organisation, meaning their large L-shaped garden has become a confused mix of children's play equipment, a neglected greenhouse and overgrown shrubs and trees. Alan and the team set about transforming it into four distinct spaces, featuring a kitchen garden and a tranquil seating area, and show viewers how to tackle a towering leylandii hedge.

WEDNESDAY
This Old Thing: The Vintage Clothes Show
Channel 4, 8pm
They say that fashion takes 20 years to come full circle, with trends re-appearing after that two-decade marker, but Dawn O'Porter thinks we shouldn't bother waiting – trawling the country's vintage shops will find us all the unique, beautifully made clothing items we could ever ask for, and set us apart from the crowds. In tonight's episode, Dawn meets Emma from Reading, who loves high-street clothes but has lately been feeling dissatisfied with her lacklustre wardrobe. Meanwhile, Dawn's sewing workshop does wonders for an old bomber jacket, and she gets to work on a 1940s tea dress. The presenter also takes a look back through the fashion archives to explain all about the maxi dress, and how the brashness of the 1980s still resonates today.

The Betrayers
ITV, 9pm
From false identities to bogus terminal illnesses, this documentary tells the stories of people who have been duped by loved ones. David Checkley swindled more than 30 women out of hundreds of thousands of pounds, using their money to fund a luxury lifestyle. Public school-educated Alistair Stewart posed as a billionaire former Goldman Sachs banker and conned property broker Nina Siegenthaler out of $1million, while the relatives of a dying man were targeted by Beth Hood, who faked cancer for her own gain. Narrated by Reece Shearsmith.



James Corden Does Deal or No Deal, Friday, Channel 4, 8pm

THURSDAY
The Honourable Woman
BBC2, 9pm
New series. As a young girl, Nessa Stein witnessed the assassination of her Zionist arms dealer father by the Palestinian Liberation Organisation. Now in her thirties, she is at the forefront of the Middle East peace process, but when her company awards a lucrative contract to a Palestinian businessman who is later found dead, she and her brother Ephra find themselves under the close scrutiny of Whitehall and MI6. Political thriller written and directed by The Shadow Line creator Hugo Blick, starring Maggie Gyllenhaal, Stephen Rea, Eve Best, Lindsay Duncan and Andrew Buchan.

FRIDAY
James Corden Does Deal or No Deal
Channel 4, 8pm
For those of us on the outside, this show can look like the nuttiest thing since the invention of peanut butter. However, for those playing the game in the studio, it's like life or death as 22 contestants hope to win a fortune from the 22 boxes in front of them. Noel Edmonds is committed as ever, carrying on the Banker façade like a man yearning to win a Bafta for best dramatic performance. It's hard for anyone weaned on Swap Shop and Noel's House Party, not to love Edmonds. He has turned a hit US game show into something very British: cheaper, less glitzy than its US counterpart, and as bonkers as a Harry Hill sketch. Would we have it any other way?

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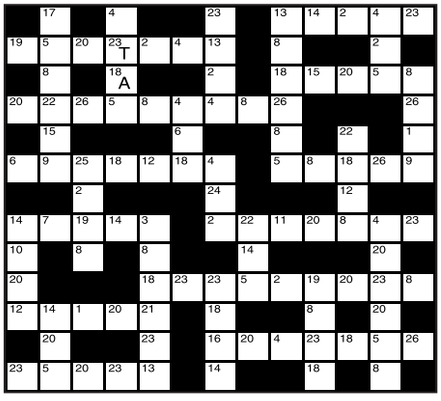
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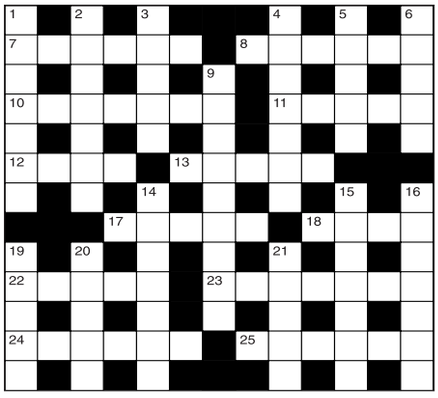
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Demand for expulsion in uproar (6)
8. Doctor has fallen for herdsman (6)
10. Railway apprentice? (7)
11. Compel 100 to go in front (5)
12. Wine from Castile (4)
13. Throw out, but do not entirely discard (5)
17. A prize in the hospital? (5)
18. The final one should endure (4)
22. Stick to the workers (5)
23. Subterfuge to save outrageous charge (7)
24. 500 arriving before time at great cost (6)
25. Lower sea-bed (6)

Down

1. It holds the corresponding evidence (4-3)
2. The last secret procedure (7)
3. Liable to give public relations officer directions (5)
4. Free cap given by way of introduction (7)
5. Key material or creeper outside (5)
6. Instructions in few words (5)
9. Novel knitwear from America (3,6)
14. Double the number taken to the pen (7)
15. Money from Brussels, for example (7)
16. Knock Edward senseless: he's not grown properly (7)
19. Incidental remark about a team (5)
20. She is absolutely crazy in the morning (5)
21. Not yet alert (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

7. Obelisk (6)
8. Powerful (6)
10. Train (7)
11. Double (5)
12. Location (4)
13. Charlatan (5)
17. Nip (5)
18. Story (4)
22. Concerning (5)
23. Revoke (7)
24. Revert (6)
25. Vendor (6)

Down

1. Anger (7)
2. Avenge (7)
3. Entreat (5)
4. Touch (7)
5. Lukewarm (5)
6. Precipitous (5)
9. Tomb (9)
14. Unsettle (7)
15. Competent (7)
16. Give back (7)
19. Wed (5)
20. Value (5)
21. Aquatic animal (5)

Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Cover; 4 Threats; 8 Notable; 9 Twist; 10 Ugly; 11 Self-will; 13 Drop; 14 Deny; 16 Do better; 17 Take; 20 Outer; 21 Pimento; 22 Respect; 23 Arson. Down: 1 Conducted tour; 2 Vital; 3 Ruby; 4 Theses; 5 Ratified; 6 Ability; 7 Satellite town; 12 Post-free; 13 Debates; 15 Despot; 18 Aunts; 19 Emma.
QUICK - Across: 1 Grant; 4 Lockjaw; 8 Amazing; 9 Salvo; 10 Duty; 11 Impolite; 13 Cant; 14 Rely; 16 Quantity; 17 Hide; 20 Extra; 21 Imitate; 22 Torrent; 23 Dress. Down: 1 Grandiloquent; 2 Await; 3 Trim; 4 Legume; 5 Customer; 6 Jollity; 7 Wholesomeness; 12 Initiate; 13 Chatter; 15 Strict; 18 Image; 19 Kind.

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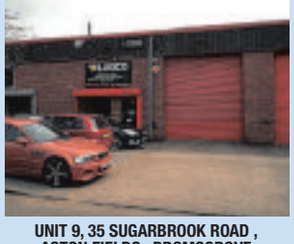
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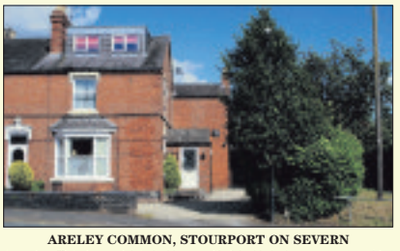
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The lounge has an ornate feature fireplace and glazed French doors through to the dining room.

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More honours on the way

By Graham Breeze

IT'S been named Supermini Of The Year by one of the country's leading motoring magazines and now the Ford Fiesta has got even better.

It's been two years since I bored all my pals with tales of the amazing one litre engine launched by Ford but now with the arrival of a six-speed dual clutch powershift automatic version things have moved up another gear.

It just doesn't stack up that a 100PS 1.0litre engine can be so punchy and economical at the same time so I quizzed one of Ford's top engine designers who bamboozled me with an explanation that obviously made perfectly good sense to him.

Quite simply the Fiesta remains as Britain's best selling car because it ticks all the boxes and has the most incredible engine on the market – but how it works remains a complete mystery to a non-techie like me.



In simple terms the 1.0litre EcoBoost engine combines cutting edge technologies, including direct fuel injection, turbocharging and variable valve timing to deliver the power of a larger engine with the fuel efficiency of a smaller one.

There's now six powertrain options emitting less than 100g/km of CO2 emissions which could well add to Ford's honours of International Engine Of The Year for both 2012 and 2013.

There's no question that the new automatic addition is an important move for Ford with the combination of EcoBoost and PowerShift being one of the most advances systems ever launched in such a small car.

On test was the Titanium X 5-door version with a maximum speed of 112mph, 0-62mph in 11.2secs, 57.7mpg on the combined cycle and just 114g/km of CO2 emissions.

You would have to say that at a basic price of £17,795 this Fiesta is a bit pricey and when you add some special paint, a stop/start pack, a navigation system, rear view camera and parking sensors you bump the price up to over £19,500.

The Fiesta is great to drive, rides comfortably and handles nicely. There's minimal roll in corners and plenty of grip. In fact the Fiesta handles as well as any supermini.

I'm a real fan of the Fiesta interior which comes complete with a cockpit-like fascia and easy to find controls. It's a comfortable four seater with good all-round vision but boot space is a little on the disappointing side and was not up to the golf club test. There's loads of seat travel, plenty of support for your back, and two-way steering adjustment All Fiestas come with stability control and seven airbags, including full-length curtain 'bags and a driver's knee 'bag. The car also received the maximum five-star rating in Euro NCAP crash tests. Deadlocks and a visible vehicle identification number make life difficult for thieves, Automatic headlights, front fogs, rain sensing wipers, privacy glass, cruise control, heated front seats, all-round electric windows, folding mirrors and a quickclear front screen are standard on the Titanium X.



'The Fiesta is a great drive, rides comfortably and handles nicely. There's minimal roll in

This Fiesta is a far cry from the ones I drove as company cars and the 1.0litre engine really is the most amazing I have driven.

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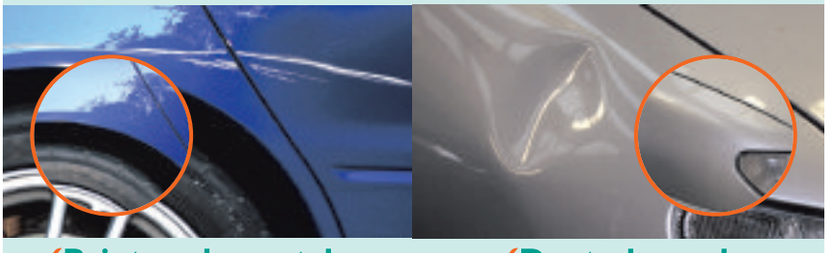
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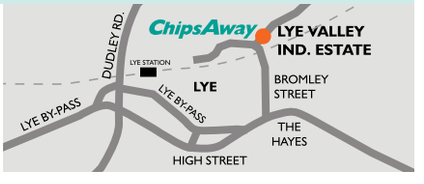


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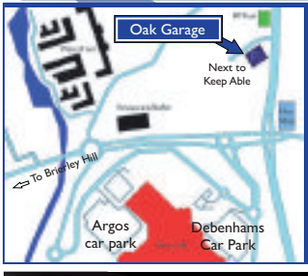
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Baggies have an eye on Moses

THE Baggies are keeping tabs on Nigeria winger Moses, who could be loaned out by Chelsea for a second successive season.

Albion used just one of their two domestic loans last season to sign Scott Sinclair, who endured a nightmare stay at The Hawthorns.

But Irvine still believes the loan market might be useful later in the summer transfer window and that could bring Moses into the club's thinking.

Any serious move by the Baggies is unlikely to happen for several weeks, with Chelsea considering the prospect of selling Moses permanently.

And an auction for the 23-year-old could take him out of the Baggies' price range. But the club would be interested in entering the bidding if Moses becomes available on loan or for a smaller fee.

They tried to sign him in 2010 from Crystal Palace but he opted to join Wigan instead. And they enquired again last summer before he moved on loan to Liverpool, where he found his first-team chances severely limited.

Irvine said: "It will be a busy few weeks in terms of trying to identify and secure a few targets."

Wolves suffer first defeat on home patch

Speedway

MISFIRING Wolverhampton slumped to their first home defeat of the season at the hands of table-toppers King's Lynn.

A spectacular performance from Tai Woffinden was not enough to prevent his side from slipping to a 53-37 loss on a disappointing night.

The world champion was in inspired form fresh off the back of his British Final win last week, storming to four race wins from his five outings.

Yet he received minimal support from the remainder of the side, as Peter Adams' men were simply outclassed by a rampant King's Lynn. Wolves fought hard early on, with two wins for Woffinden backed up by impressive victories for Ricky Wells and Ty Proctor to give them a two point lead after five heats.

However, the same Proctor-Wells partnership conceded two 5-1s in quick succession to see the hosts fall six behind.

A classy win for Woffinden in heat ten moved them back within four and set up a nervy finale. But Wolves collapsed late on – conceding three consecutive 5-1s to leave then in disarray.

Woffinden did claim a classy win in heat 15 to help limit the damage, but it was too little too late as his side slipped to defeat.

Ty Proctor and Ricky Wells both faded after bright starts, whilst Swede Jacob Thorssell proved solid yet unspectacular.

Meanwhile, Polish hotshot Piotr Pawlcki experienced a rare off night having previously been in blistering form.

He did push Stars No.1 Niels-Kristian Iversen hard in perhaps the race of the night before being forced to settle for second place in heat 11. But he also seized an engine in his second ride and eventually managed only three points leaving Woffinden short of support from the other heat-leader berths.

Wolverhampton: Tai Woffinden 13, Ricky Wells 6+1, Jacob Thorssell 6, Ty Proctor 4, Piotr Pawlicki 3, Tom Perry 3, Joe Jacobs 2+1.

King's Lynn: Lewis Blackbird 12+2, Niels-Kristian Iversen 10+1, Rory Schlein 10+1, Max Fricke 8+2, Robert Lambert 6+1, Kenneth Bjerre 5+1, Lewis Rose 2+1.

Fans told put your faith in La Parra

CAPTAIN Sam Ricketts says Wolves fans should be reassured by the arrival of Rajiv Van La Parra rather than concerned by the possible exit of Bakary Sako.

Wolves have expected interest in Sako all summer.

But apart from speculation linking him to Premier League new boys Leicester, nothing has materialised and the Mail international is set to return to pre-season training as a Wolves player this week.

The club insist they will only sell the French winger to a top-flight club.

Wolves have added 23-year-old Van La Parra from Dutch club Heerenveen to a well-stocked wide roster already including Sako, new signing Tommy Rowe, James Henry and Michael Jacobs as well as youngsters Eusebio Bancessi, Zeli Ismail, who has returned from a loan spell at Burton Albion, and Anthony Forde.

Ricketts believes Sako will merely inspire his team-matesto greater heights as Wolves seek to embark on a promotion challenge in the Championship next season. "It's an area where we can't have too much quality," Ricketts said.

Eastnor take Stour down to the wire

Stourbridge 1st XI 250 Eastnor 1st XI 253-6
Eastnor win

EASTNOR 1st XI dealt an unexpected blow to the hopes of Stourbridge Firsts climbing up the Birmingham and District Premier league ladder.

They beat the home side by six wickets in a match that went to the wire. Eastnor put Stour in on a good batting track and faced a challenging total.

Cricket

Stour's openers Alex Bingham (20) and Steve Game (14) were both dismissed by Sajid Ali. The mantle was then taken up by the skipper Richard Bradley and the overseas star Audy Alexander from the 18th over.

They took the score from 48-2 to 148-3 when Bradley nicked up behind off Tareq Jamil with 15 overs remaining.

Thoughts of accelerating the run rate receded as Eastnor took the wickets of Josh Banks and Matt Bradley in quick succession.

Banks Fell to Shameer Ahmed for nine and Matt Bradley LBW for two with 47 of the 55 overs used up.

Alexander and Jitesh Jivan-Patel took the score past the 200 and regained some of the initiative.

Alexander was caught on 100 taking the Stour score to 236 in the 53rd over off the bowling of Atiq Ur Rehman.

He had batted for two and half hours, posted 12 fours and reached the ton off 109 balls. Patel (35) and Greg Jones (4) remained not out. Sajid Ali ended with 3-72 off his full 17 over spell.

In Eastnor's knock pace man Ali Shah struck the first blow deceiving Andrew Fisher caught for 12. From the other end Matt Bradley had Sunil Rahi brilliantly caught in the gully for 11 Jitesh Jivan-Patel holding on to a screamer.

Stour was on top with the opposition two down for 29 off 6 overs.

When Arshad Hussain unfortunately retired hurt Eastnor was left with a mountain to climb.

No.4 Atiq Ur Rehman and No.5 Faisal Khalid formed a stubborn partnership taking the score to 119. The left and right combination resisted all that Stour threw at them until finally Jitesh Jivan –Patel had Khalid caught in the covers for 44 in the 30th over. Shahid Amhed took on the role of the aggressor smashing boundaries at will. Alexander's leg spin was treated with some respect and it was he who took the wicket of Rehman caught on the boundary for 96 taking his team to a score of 211. Rehman batted a master class in survival.

Shahid ensured his side strolled home with two balls to spare.

Wolverhampton move up into fourth position



Fordhouses' Russell Thompson is bowled for three by Tom Nutting in the match against Penn

A SUBLIME 135 from former India Test star Wasim Jaffer helped Wolverhampton move up to fourth in Division One after they crushed Old Hill by 172 runs.

Wolverhampton declared on 260-7, then Chris Russsell (6-49) and Adam Quiney (4-31) bowled unchanged as victory was clinched.

Wombourne remain rooted to the foot of the table after a six-wicket reverse at Bromsgrove. They made only 114 before Jayden Levitt's unbeaten 68 led the Worcestershire side home.

Himley's season of woe in the Premier Division hit a new low as they were hammered by 214 runs at home by Berkswell.

After the visitors amassed 299-7 from 55 overs, with Mark Best (111) and James Neale (92) putting on 192 for the first wicket, bottom-of-the-table Himley were skittled out for just 85 in reply. Berkswell's Chris Cheslin led the carnage as he took 7-27. Penkridge are up to third in Division Two after thrashing Whitchurch by eight wickets.

Shafiq Ahmed took 5-33 to restrict the Shropshire side to 132, then an unbroken third-wicket stand of 102 between Rana Hassan (51no) and Attiq Chishti gave Penkridge the win. Brewood lost by 34 runs to Water Orton .

Winning draw is enough

Eastnor 2nd XI 153 Stourbridge 2nd XI 184
Stourbridge winning draw

BATTING first Stourbridge 2nd XI failed to capitalise on a sound start by their opening pair Ryan Willetts and Nabeel Ali.

Willetts took the lead by carving out 69 when he was bowled by Mohammed Munir.His partner Ali was caught off Mohammed Asim Ibrar for 29.

Next highest score to Willetts was by tailender Irfan Ahmad who remained not out on 31 batting at nine. Munir helped himself to five wickets for 26 off 13 overs. Stour's effort was foiled by the resistance from Jamie Onions (36) and No.11 Mohammed Asim Ibrar(1).

Albion eye Snodgrass as bid fails

ALBION are considering a bid for £6m-rated Norwich midfielder Robert Snodgrass after they rejected a second offer from Derby for wantaway George Thorne.

The Baggies are keeping tabs on Snodgrass amid rumours that the Scotland international will leave Carrow Road this summer.

They have again told the Rams that Thorne is not for sale after turning down a bid of more than £1m on Monday night.

Reports the Baggies have entered talks with the Canaries over a deal for Snodgrass are premature, with Hawthorns officials yet to make their interest official. But the 26-year-old Glaswegian is on the club's summer watchlist.

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US pair in frame to snap up Villa

A VILLA buy-out is back on the cards amid news that two more American billionaires have discussed the project with Randy Lerner.

The US financiers Josh Harris and David Blitzer have a history in buying out and then reviving "distressed" sports businesses, and are now reckoned to be looking at a takeover of Villa.

They are the latest in a growing number of names being linked to the club since Randy Lerner formally declared his intention to sell.

The news will be treated with caution by Villa fans who have now grown accustomed to hearing the club linked with fanciful investment projects which fail to materialise.

But Harris and Blitzer are business contacts of Lerner and reports from the States are adamant an investment has been discussed.

The pair have been leading figures in sport projects as well as having a lucrative stake in the American Idol TV series.

Separate investment groups, of which Harris is a partner, bought out NBA side Philadelphia 76ers for $280m in 2011 and NHL franchise New Jersey Devils for $320m last year. Both are recovering from crises which led to the takeovers.

Smith looking for firepower

DEAN SMITH is continuing his hunt for more firepower after signing Tom Bradshaw – with Walsall braced for another possible Will Grigg cash boost.

On Monday, Bradshaw became the first new face on the Saddlers forward line this summer when he penned a two-year deal at the Banks's Stadium.

The 21-year-old, a former Wales Under-21 international, rejected an offer to stay at Shrewsbury and the deal went through after the clubs agreed a compensation package.

It is the second time in a fortnight the Saddlers have paid a "fee" for a player, after prising promising goalkeeper Craig MacGillivray from non-league Harrogate Town. And Smith could yet see his coffers boosted further following reports Grigg could be on the move to Bristol City.

Foster first Baggie in World Cup side since Astle

Football

BEN FOSTER has become the first Albion player since Jeff Astle in 1970 to play for England in a World Cup.

The Baggies keeper was named as one of nine changes made by boss Roy Hodgson in the dead rubber against Costa Rica in Belo Horizonte before heading home.

Foster, who is 31 and only came out of international retirement in February 2013, replaces first choice Joe Hart to become the first Baggies player to represent England in the tournament since Astle in Mexico in 1970.

With little to play for apart from pride, Hodgson took the unusual step of naming his entire starting line-up for the game, with Gary Cahill and Daniel Sturridge the only survivors from last week's 2-1 defeat to Uruguay.

Foster, Phil Jones, Chris Smalling, Luke Shaw, James Milner, Frank Lampard, Jack Wilshere, Ross Barkley and Adam Lallana replaced Hart, Glen Johnson, Leighton Baines, Phil Jagielka, Steven Gerrard, Jordan Henderson, Wayne Rooney – who has only scored once in the tournament, Danny Welbeck and Raheem Sterling, while Lampard took over as captain. Albion goalkeeping coach Dean Kiely welcomed Foster's selection and insisted he wouldn't let anyone down.

"He thoroughly deserves it – he made a really big contribution to our season and was a really big player for us," said Kiely.

"He will be fine. I see him every day in training and he's a player of vast Premier League experience and one who doesn't let anything faze him, so he'll take it in his stride."

Meanwhile, Foster will be on his travels again when he returns to his club after Albion announced a pre-season trip to the United States which includes a couple of friendlies.

New head coach Alan Irvine will take his Baggies squad on an 11-day training trip to Sacramento, California, which will last from Thursday, July 17 to Sunday, July 27.

The club has also arranged two friendlies as part of the trip, both against new USL professional side Sacramento Republic on Monday, July 21 and Friday, July 25 (both 7.30pm kick-offs West Coast USA time).

NEW COACHING LINE UP AT LIONS

STOURBRIDGE Lions rugby club have a new coaching team driving them forward as the players get back for pre-season training next Tuesday.

Jon Tibbetts is the new head coach and will be supported by player coach Sam Robinson as they seek to take the team into the new season.

Tibbetts has come through the ranks after having been the club's forward coach for the past two season and takes over from Ian Strangward who stepped down at the end of last season after six successful years in charge.

Rugby

Former prop Tibbetts, played for the Lions when the club was first formed before moving up to the semi-professional Stourbridge Saxons who he keen to keep ties with.

Opportunity

He said: "I am extremely happy to be given the opportunity to help the club move forward and it is a challenge that I am very much look forward to."

When asked if anything would be different, Tibbetts said: "I have some ideas that I want to apply, but my two main aims are to improve the boys, make them better rugby players and utilise the assets that we have with the Saxons; getting more involved with them and have them help us."

Tibbetts view is supported and backed by Director of Rugby at the club Neil Mitchell.

That connection is now stronger than ever following the signing of Sam Robinson, who has been the Saxons starting No. 10 for the past 10 years.

Due to work commitments Sam has decided he would like to help the amateur side of the club develop through coaching but is also keen not to hang his boots up yet.

Robinson said: "I am excited working with the players who have a lot of potential but just need a bit more guidance in a few areas and hopefully I can help with this and can't wait to see what, as a team, we have to offer."

He added "I haven't really seen any of the boys play so it will provide a nice blank slate for everyone, everything is to train for during pre-season.

"Hopefully I am going to bring a bit of freshness and variety, simply as a new face with some different views of how to play the game."

The Lions pre-season is open for all players of all availability and new faces are always welcome.

Anyone who is interested in joining the club should contact captain Stuart Doolittle 07730 203403 or go to the club's website for more details.

Woffinden's a wheel star on the night



It was a case of unlucky 13 for speedway ace Tai Woffinden. The world champion had four wins in his 13 points for Wolves against King's Lynn at Monmore, but lacked sufficient back-up as the visitors took a 53-37 victory. Report – Page39. Picture: John Hipkiss.

I decide transfers – Irvine

ALBION'S new boss Alan Irvine insisted he will decide which players sign for Albion.

The Scot is trawling through lists of possible transfer targets drawn up by scouts and narrowed down by new technical director Terry Burton.

But despite the presence of Burton and former sporting and technical director Richard Garlick at the training ground, Irvine insists he will have the final say.

Albion have already snapped up eye-catching free transfers Craig Gardner and former Wolves centre-half Joleon Lescott.

"There wouldn't be a situation where a player came in that I didn't want," said Irvine.

"Clearly there will be players who are out of our reach financially or in terms of contracts or where they want to play.

"But in terms of the players who are in our reach, it wouldn't make sense for them to come in without me rubber-stamping it."

Albion used just one of their two domestic loans last season to sign Scott Sinclair, who endured a nightmare stay.

Office experts to sponsor shirts

OFFICE technology specialists Altodigital will be sponsoring Wolves' shirts for the first Club Legends Cup at the LG Arena on Saturday July 12.

The indoor football tournament will feature former legends from Midlands football teaming up to raise money for Birmingham charity Cure Leukaemia.

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